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	A.M.	A.M.	O.	A.M.	A.M.	Noon	E.	O.	E.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	2.30	4.45	5.55	7.20	8.30	9.45
Yau-mat ...Dep.	6.50	—	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	2.39	4.54	6.04	7.29	8.39	9.54
Shatin ...Dep.	7.02	—	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	2.51	5.06	6.16	7.41	8.51	10.06
Fanning ...Dep.	7.16	—	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	3.04	5.19	6.29	7.54	9.04	10.19
Tai-po ...Dep.	7.31	—	—	10.05	11.20	12.50	2.05	3.20	5.35	6.45	8.10	9.20	10.35
Tai-po Market ...Dep.	7.41	—	—	10.15	11.30	13.00	2.15	3.30	5.45	6.55	8.20	9.30	10.45
Fanning ...Dep.	7.55	—	—	10.29	11.44	13.14	2.29	3.44	5.59	7.09	8.34	9.44	10.59
Shatin ...Dep.	8.07	—	—	10.41	11.56	13.26	2.41	3.56	6.11	7.21	8.46	9.56	11.11
Shum-shu ...Dep.	8.21	—	—	10.55	12.10	13.40	2.55	4.10	6.25	7.35	9.00	10.10	11.25
Shum-shu ...Arr.	7.45	8.45	9.15	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	3.28	5.43	6.53	8.18	9.28	10.43
Canton ...Arr.	—	12.30	—	5.20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

SEA TAU KOK BRANCH.

	A.M.	A.M.	E.	O.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Fanning ...	7.45	11.50	2.15	4.15	7.20	—	—	—
Shatin ...	8.40	12.35	3.10	5.10	8.15	—	—	—
	A.M.	A.M.	E.	O.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shatin ...	8.30	11.15	1.05	3.05	6.00	8.15	—	—
Fanning ...	8.35	11.20	2.00	4.00	6.55	9.10	—	—

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ARMISTICE DAY.

AN APPEAL FROM THE BISHOP.

The Bishop of Victoria (Right Rev. C. R. Duppy) has issued the following message in connection with the observance of Armistice Day—(November 11th).
Last year in England a movement was made towards an observance of Armistice Day more in keeping with that for which it stands—a deliverance won at tremendous cost.

A prominent leader in this movement was the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. It is worthy of note that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is reported to have refused to attend a Victory Ball which was to have been held on that night, but instead was present at a great service held in the Albert Hall. Armistice Day should be one of remembrance and of rededication—of remembrance of countless lives given for great ideals, of rededication to the unfinished work bequeathed to us by our dead. The times are desperately critical and the world is not healed.

The only lasting memorial to those who fell is a living one—the growth of a better world; the rebirth of human life. Unless Armistice Day has some religious background it will die. Here in Hongkong I think we need, in addition to the crowd that throngs the cenotaph, right and impressive as that is, the quiet and stillness of the Church and I hope that as years go by we shall witness not a slackening off but an increase in the religious observance of the day.

THE QUEEN'S THEATRE.

A 'CHANGED' PROGRAMME.

A CONSTANCE TALMADGE PICTURE.

The exotic picture, "The Eagle," having concluded a successful run, its place has been taken by "Her Sister from Paris," which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre until to-morrow. Constance Talmadge is appearing in the leading rôle. This picture is superbly taken; the scenes are well shot, and the costumes were depicted the latest vogue. In every way the picture is one that thoroughly pleases.

World Theatre.

"Don Q. Son of Zorro" (featuring Douglas Fairbanks) has taken the place of the "Mark of Zorro." This picture is a sequel to the first one, and movie fans may be assured of some good thrills.

Star Theatre.

An excellent picture, "The Tenser," has replaced "The Great White Way." This film will be shown until to-morrow.

Queen's Future Attractions.

Movie-goers will be pleased to learn that during the whole of this month no less than eight very fine pictures are to be shown. These films will give an abundance of thrills, laughter, romance, and some of the scenes will hold the audience spell-bound.

On November 7th to 8th, "The Dark Angel," with Ronald Colman, in the leading rôle, will be filmed. This picture depicts a background of shot and shells, and packed with thrills and fantasies. Richard Dix in "The Poverty of Riches" will be thrown on the screen on November 8th to 10th. This is a Reginald Barker picture, and affords ample scope for portrayal of Dickens at his best. This film concerns every one's life, and human's intricacies are broadly dealt with.

"The Monster," picturing Lon Chaney is on the programme for November 11th to 13th. Lurking figures, slinking through the shrubbery; sudden deaths, fights and comedy are the main features in this film. The versatile star Marion Davies will appear in "Yolanda," and will be shown on November 14th to 17th. This masterpiece of life in the middle ages—when love was only to be won by Chivalry, and romance was born amid peril and adventure—is a picture to reveal even the sternest critic.

On November 18th to 20th the world's friend, Jackie Coogan, will again make his debut to Hongkong in "The Ragman." It is recognised as one of Jackie's most delightful pictures.

A Metro-Goldwyn's 1926 masterpiece with Mas Murray taking the lead in "The Merry Widow" will be filmed on November 21st to 24th. This photoplay is superbly staged; the artists are all gorgeously gowned and the backgrounds depict some beautiful scenery.

Interpreting an epic of Golden Age of Seafaring Heroism, "The Sea Beast" will be portrayed on November 25th to 27th. John Barrymore takes the leading rôle.

Colleen Moore, playing the part of a girl who was heart hungry for romance—the tale of a modern Cinderella, will be shown in "The Wall Flower," which is on the programme for November 28th to 29th.

THE VICTORIA DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

"AT HOME" AND V.D.A. SUNDAY.

The current issue of St. John's Cathedral Notes contains particulars regarding the Victorian Diocesan Association "At Home" to be held at the Helena May Institute on Monday, November 15th.

This "At Home" has been arranged to give members of the V.D.A. and their friends an opportunity of hearing about social and medical work, more especially as connected with the diocese. The speakers are to be Miss Shin Tak Hing on "Industrial Conditions in China"; Miss George, of Canton, on "Rescue Work"; and Dr. Arthur Woo, Vice-President of the China Medical Association, on "The Opportunity of a Medical Man in China." Tea is to be served at 4.30 p.m., followed by the meeting, at which the above addresses will be delivered, at five o'clock. The meeting will conclude at 6.15 p.m.

V.D.A. Sunday.

November 21st is the date fixed for the observance of V.D.A. Sunday, both in the Chinese and Colonial churches of the Colony. Throughout that day the services will be of a special character and sermons will be preached on the work and needs of the diocese. The collections will be for diocesan purposes.

Matins will follow an early celebration of Holy Communion at the Cathedral, and the preacher will be the Diocesan Chaplain (the Rev. N. V. Halvard, M.C.). A short service for young people will be held in the afternoon, and will be bilingual—in English and Chinese. The Bishop will preach at the evensong service.

The collections throughout this day will be on behalf of a new Chinese church which is to be built at Yau-mat. Already \$17,000 has been promised towards this purpose, practically all from Chinese sources. The church is badly needed. It is noticeable that within the last three years it has been necessary to enlarge both St. Stephen's and St. Paul's Chinese churches. The need of an adequate church to replace the present Mission Church in Yau-mat is urgent.

At Kowloon.

At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on V.D.A. Sunday the Bishop of Victoria will preach at the morning service at 11 o'clock, following Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m. There will be a united service for Young People in the afternoon, when representatives from all the Chinese Institutions and Diocesan Schools in Kowloon will be present. The evening service will be taken by the Rev. N. V. Halvard, M.C. (Diocesan Chaplain).

The choir will render special music both at the morning and evening services, and also in the evening there will be a short organ recital incorporated with the service. Full details of this will be issued later.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON'S VISIT.

A RECEPTION OF WELCOME ARRANGED.

A further reference to the forthcoming visit of the Bishop of London to Hongkong is given in St. John's Cathedral Notes. It is now stated that the Bishop of London will arrive on December 23rd or 24th, and will leave probably on December 30th. As previously stated, he will preach at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday, December 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, at 11 a.m. It is hoped that he will preach in the evening at the Cathedral.

To welcome the Bishop, a reception has been arranged for Tuesday, December 28th, at 4.30 p.m. A committee has been appointed to make full arrangements for the reception, and further details will be announced later.

MAY ROAD BURGLARY.

MR. GEORGE GRIMBLE VICTIMISED.

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Mr. George Grumble, of No. 10, Branksome Towers, May Road, has reported to the Police that shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning, an unknown Chinese, dressed in white, was seen in the neighbourhood of his house.

Investigations proved that Mr. Grumble's house had been visited by thieves and a quantity of jewellery, which Mr. Grumble estimates to be worth at least \$650, together with two pairs of gold spectacles, were stolen.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

Annual Licensing Sessions (Council Chamber) noon.
Meeting of Creditors, Oriental Commercial Bank, Ltd., 2.30 p.m.
Reception, Lee Gardens, to H.R.H. the Governor and Lady Clement, 3.30 p.m.
Hongkong Hotel Fire Claims Meeting at office of Hongkong Small Investor's Share and Real Estate Co., 6 p.m.
Hockey: University II. v. Recreation, 5.15 p.m.; Club v. R.A., 5 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Her Sister from Paris."

World Theatre: "Don Q. Son of Zorro."
Star Theatre—"The Tenser."
H.M.S. Hermes Ball at King Edward Hotel.
R.C.C. Dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 9 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam (Glaucus); Europe via Siberia.

Saturday.

Third Yearly Meeting, Hongkong Realty & Trust Co., 11.30 a.m.
Fourth Yearly Meeting, Sandakan Light & Power Co. (1925), Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

Third Annual Meeting Grand Hotel des Vagons Lits, Ltd., noon.
Fifth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley.

Opening Cruise and Ladies' Day (R.H.K.Y.C.).
Taikoo Club "At Home," 3 p.m.
League Champions of 1st Division (Taikoo): "Rest of the League."
Bowls: Y.M.C.A. (Kowloon) v. K.B.C.C.

Football and Cricket: (Details in Saturday's paper).
Queen's Theatre—"Her Sister from Paris."

World Theatre: "Don Q. Son of Zorro."
Star Theatre: "The Tenser."
Boxing Tournament, City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

First Saturday Night Dance, Palace Hotel, Kowloon.
Dance at Craigengower C.C., 9.15 p.m.
Dinner Dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam, Outward: U.S.A. and Europe via America, and Europe via Siberia (President Cleveland), 5 p.m.; Europe via Marseilles, 2.30 p.m.

Sunday.

St. John Ambulance Brigade Annual Swimming Sports at V.R.C., 10 a.m.
Queen's Theatre—"The Dark Angel."
Macao Industrial Fair Opens.

Monday.

Extraordinary General Meeting, Kowloon Football Club, 6.15 p.m.
Shanghai Interport Cricket Team arrive on President Harrison.

Queen's Theatre: "The Dark Angel."
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., President Harrison.

Tuesday.
Shanghai Interport Cricket Team entertained at Band Concert, Hongkong C.C. Pavilion.

Queen's Theatre: "The Poverty of Riches."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia and Manila (Taiping); U.S.A. (Shingo Maru), Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Portoth), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.
Extraordinary General Meeting Bank of Canton, 2 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia Paul Lecat (noon).

Thursday.

Armistice Day: Commemoration Services. At St. John's Cathedral and the Peak Church. At 7.45 a.m. Holy Communion. At St. John's Cathedral at 9.45 a.m. to 10.30 Special Service, Sermon by the Bishop. Collection for St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers and Sailors. Centenary Service and wreath laying, 11 a.m. Poppy Day Collection; Annual Dinner Ex-Active Service Men's Association.

New Club House, opens at Kowloon Golf Club; K.G.C. v. Y.M.C.A. (Kowloon).

Interport Cricket: H.K. v. Shanghai (First Day).

To Secretaries.
[Secretaries of clubs and associations, etc., are kindly requested to forward any forthcoming events to the Diary Editor for inclusion in the above column, which it is our endeavour to keep as correct and up-to-date as possible.]

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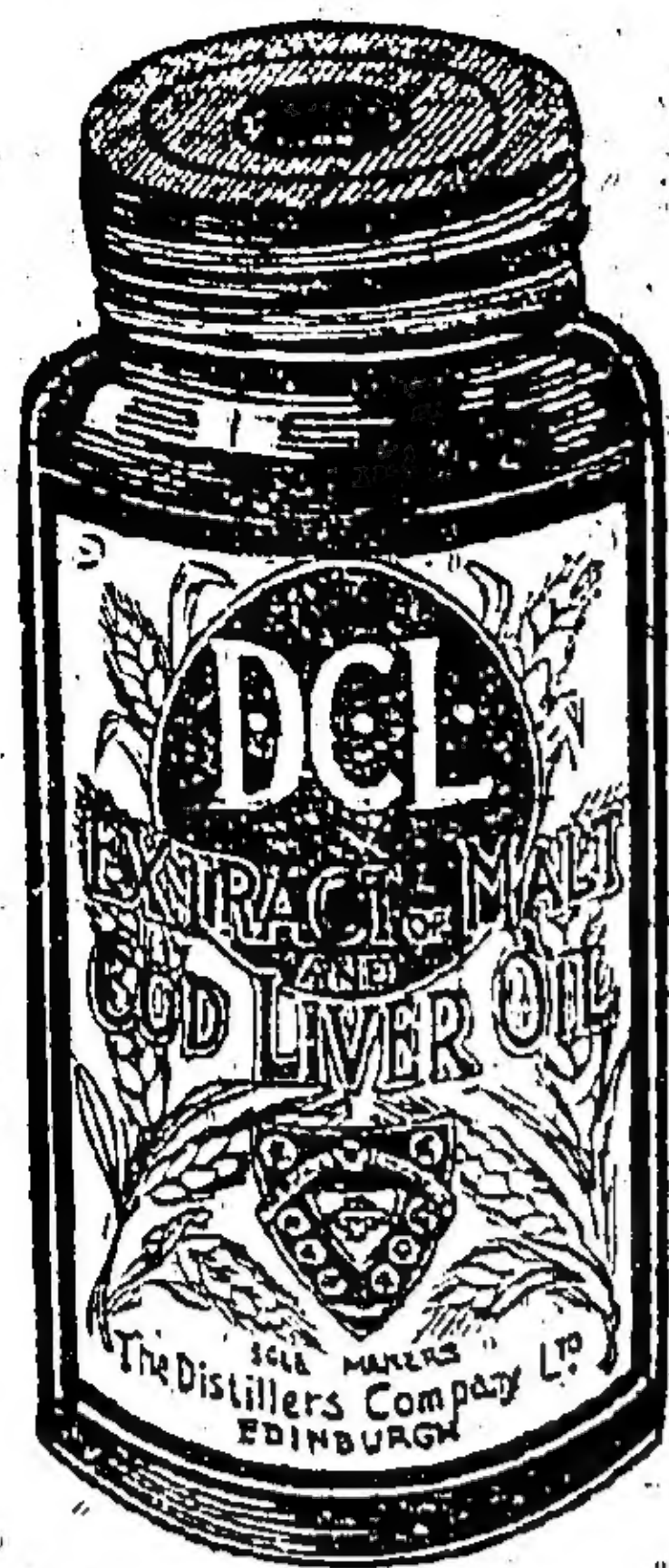
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(ORDERS BY H. R. KELLY, R.E., M.C.,
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.)

No. 230.

1.—Armistice Day Parade.

Thursday, November 11th: A detachment of the Infantry Company will represent the Corps at the Cenotaph.

Dress, Review order: Side-arms only will be worn. O.C. Infantry Company will issue orders as to time of parade.

2.—Annual Camp.

The Scottish Company will attend camp during the week-end, November 12th-14th, 1926.

Attendance in camp is a condition for efficiency.

It is hoped that members will be able to get out by the evening trains on Friday, November 12th, for Saturday to count as a full day's training, members must arrive before 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 13th. All members are requested to make an effort to appear and to parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 5 p.m. on Friday, November 12th, to catch the 5.29 p.m. train.

O.C. Scottish Company will report to this Headquarters before 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 10th, the number of members attending camp, so that rations can be arranged.

Time Table for Trains.

From Kowloon to Fanning:
Friday evening:—4.35 p.m.; 5.29 p.m.; 7.21 p.m.

Saturday morning:—6.40 a.m.
From Fanning to Kowloon:
Sunday evening:—5.51 p.m. and 6.10 p.m.

Monday morning:—7.31 a.m. and 8.17 a.m.

Railway Warrants: Arrangements are being made with the Railway Company to issue second class return tickets to Fanning for other ranks.

The Senior N.C.O. or men present will be responsible that the names are ticked off on the list at the booking office as the tickets are issued.

Baggage: Members wishing to have their baggage sent to the Camp at Fanning must deliver it, clearly labelled with owners' names, at Corps Headquarters by 2.30 p.m. on Friday, November 12th.

Rifles and bayonets are not on any account to be left in camp during mid-week.

Bedding will be drawn from the store tent by members sleeping in camp, and returned before members leave on the Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Arms: Rifles and bayonets may be drawn from Corps Headquarters, between the following hours:—

Monday, 8th, to Wednesday, 10th, November:—9 a.m. to 12 noon; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on

Friday, November 12th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon only.

Dress: Marching order, i.e., helmets, rifles, bayonets, belts, side-arms, pouches, braces, haversacks, waterbottles, greatcoats (where issued), Tunics, kilts, khaki aprons, khaki hose, flashes, short putties, boots. Gungarries to be worn from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m.

3.—Part II. Musketry.

There will be no firing at Stonecutters Range during the week-end of that camp in progress. Additional week-ends will be arranged in January and February, 1927.

4.—Holiday.

Thursday, November 11th, 1926, will be observed as a holiday. No drill parades will be held on that day.

5.—Artillery Company.

City and Taikoo Sections will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9th. Dress: Multi.

Subject:—

6" Howitzer Gun Drill.

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Transport for Taikoo Section will be at Taikoo at 5 p.m.

6.—Engineer Company.

Signal Section will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on the following dates. Dress: Multi:—

Monday, November 8th, for Lectures 12 and 14.

Monday, November 15th, for Buzzer Reading. Lecture 15.

Thursday, November 18th, for Lecture 16.

Field Sections will parade at Wellington Barracks at 5.30 p.m. from Monday, November 8th, to December 9th, 1926, for Practical Work with 40th Company, R.E., on Field Work Training. Dress: Multi.

Lights Section will parade at Volunteer Headquarters for lectures on the details of D.E.L. plant and instruments on

Thursday, November 18th, and Thursday, December 2nd, commencing at 5.30 p.m. each night. Dress: Multi.

7.—Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies.

Members will go into Camp at Fanning on Friday, November 5th.

Attendance is a condition for efficiency. It is hoped that members will be able to get out by the evening trains on Friday, November 5th, for Saturday to count as a full day's training, members must arrive before 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 6th.

Baggage: Members wishing to have their baggage sent to the Camp at Fanning must deliver it, clearly labelled with owners' names, at Corps Headquarters by 2.30 p.m. on Friday, November 5th.

Rifles and bayonets may be drawn from Corps Headquarters, between 9 a.m. to 12 noon only.

Dress: Marching order, i.e., helmets, rifles, bayonets, belts, bandoliers, side-arms, haversacks and waterbottles: Greatcoats to be carried folded on the shoulders or if preferred they may be sent out with baggage. Shorts will be worn by the Machine Gun Section. Remainder: Breeches and putties.

(Continued on next column.)

OBITUARY.

MRS. LENOX SIMPSON.

A telegram received in Peking from Rome states that Mrs. Lenox Simpson, widow of the late Mr. Charles Lenox Simpson, formerly Commissioner of Customs, and mother of Mr. B. Lenox Simpson, the well-known writer, passed away peacefully on October 30th from pneumonia, at the age of 74.

Mrs. Lenox Simpson came to China in 1874, and resided in almost every part of the country for nearly 40 years, being well-known by all the communities of the early days, particularly in Shanghai, South China and the Yangtze.

She had resided for the last 15 years in Italy.

8.—Armoured Car Company.

Mobile Column: All members of the Mobile Column, who are not proceeding to camp on Friday will parade at Kowloon Ferry Station at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday and the Column will leave for Fanning via Castle Peak at 4 p.m.

Members should arrange to carry their kit on their machines but transport will be available for a limited amount of surplus baggage; bedding will be drawn in camp. Rifles must be drawn before noon on Friday.

Dress: Marching order, i.e., helmets, rifles, belts and bandoliers, haversacks and waterbottles. Greatcoats may be sent out with baggage. All Mobile Section will wear breeches.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10th, for gun drill.

Extra Camp Week-end (Optional). Those able to attend camp on November 20th-21st may do so on sending in their names to C.S.M. Groves before the 17th November. This does not absolve members from attendance on the regular Armoured Car Company week ends but is extra and voluntarily.

9.—Infantry Company.

Tuesday, November 9th, at 5.30 p.m.:—No. 2 Platoon: Rifle Section at Corps Headquarters. Lewis Gun Sections at Kennedy Road Range for firing.

Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons at Corps Headquarters for Lewis Gun Instruction.

Tuesday, November 16th, at 5.30 p.m., at Corps Headquarters:—

Lewis Gun Class, under L/Sergt. S. Jarvis, M.C.

N.C.O.'s Class for Company N.C.O.'s. Musketry Class for those detailed by Platoon Commanders.

10.—Scottish Company.

Wednesday, November 10th, 1926:—N.C.O.'s and Promotion Class at Volunteer Headquarters, at 5.30 p.m., for skeleton platoon drill. Dress: Multi.

11.—Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on October 30th, 1926, and posted to No. 7 Platoon (Scottish Company):

No. 1063 Pte. L. E. Traynes.

12.—Promotions and Appointments.

The following promotions and appointments will take effect from November 5th, 1926:—

ENGINEER COMPANY.

No. 727 L/Cpl. W. H. Owen to be Corporal.

No. 729 L/Cpl. A. W. W. Salter to be Corporal.

No. 462 Spr. C. B. Easterbrook to be Lance Corporal.

No. 533 Spr. K. S. Robertson to be Lance Corporal.

No. 629 Spr. F. P. Lenfesty to be Lance Corporal.

NO. 1 PLATOON.

No. 737 Corpl. S. Jarvis, M.C., to be Lance-Sergeant and Company Lewis Gun Instructor.

NO. 2 PLATOON.

No. 790 L/Corpl. W. S. Hillier to be Corporal.

NO. 7 PLATOON.

No. 842 Pte. R. Bell to be Sergeant.

No. 971 Pte. H. O. Sutherland to be Lance Corporal.

13.—Transfer.

No. 765 Pte. G. B. Slipper, No. 3 Platoon, is transferred to the Armoured Car Company, as from November 3rd, 1926.

14.—Reversion.

No. 840 L/Bdr. D. B. Bone, Artillery Company, reverts to the rank of Gunner at his own request, as from October 27th, 1926.

15.—Resignations.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps on leaving the Colony:—

No. 234 Pte. W. E. Douglas, Reserve Company, from October 31st, 1926.

No. 437 Pte. W. R. Shortland, Armoured Car Company, from November 13th, 1926.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps as from November 1st, 1926, on payment of the sum of \$40 in accordance with the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, Part I Para. 5 Section 3:—

No. 801 Gr. T. D. E. Pendered, M.C., Artillery Company.

No. 723 Pte. L. R. Andrews, No. 1 Platoon.

16.—Marksmen.

The under-mentioned have qualified as Marksmen and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:—

No. 17 C.S.M. R. J. Everest, Engineer Company, 100 points.

No. 732 L/Bdr. W. E. Price, Artillery Company, 99 points.

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P. & O. Bank	\$234 buy.
East Asia Bank	\$24 nom.
Canton Insurance	\$230 nom.
China Underwriters	\$11 buy.
North China Insurance	\$145 nom.
Union Insurance	\$295 1/2 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	\$26 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$200 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$210 buy.
Do. (old)	\$208 sel.
Hongkong Tug	\$2 sel.
Indo-China (Pte.)	\$30 buy.
Do. (Del.)	\$42 buy.
Shell Transport	\$97 nom.
Star Ferry	\$67 sel.
Waterworks	\$15 buy.
China Sugars	\$26 buy.
Malayan Sugars	\$35 nom.
Beigong	\$11 nom.
Kailash Mining & A.	\$37 nom.
Langkat (combined)	\$124 nom.
Do. (single)	\$144 nom.
Shanghai Explosives	\$145 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$14 nom.
Railways	\$14 nom.
Tonghai Mines	\$87 buy.
Ural Caspian	\$8 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharves	\$1254 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$58 sel.
Hongkong	\$171 1/2 nom.
New Engineering	\$160 buy.
Shanghai Bank	\$126 buy.

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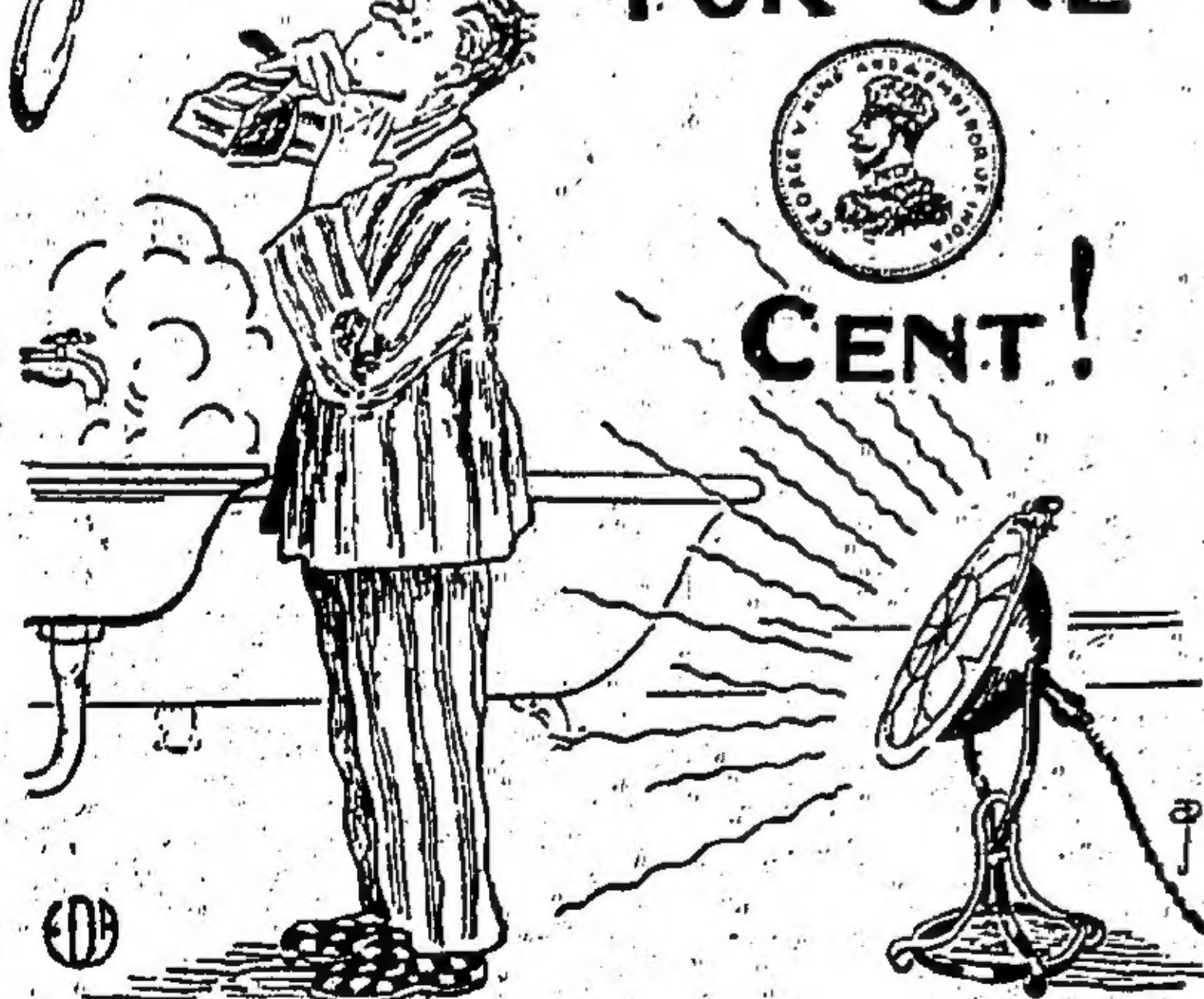
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**KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR
LORRY.**

**ENQUIRY INTO CHINESE WOMAN'S
DEATH.**

It will be recalled that on the 11th of last month a Chinese woman was knocked down by a Sanitary Board motor lorry at the corner of Saigon Street and Nathan Road, Kowloon. So severe were her injuries that she had to have one of her legs amputated, and she died on the morning following the accident.

As a result, the driver of the lorry is held on a charge of manslaughter, and when brought before the Kowloon Court recently, Mr. Nihill adjourned the case, deciding that an enquiry concerning the woman's death was necessary before he could hear the manslaughter case.

This enquiry was held at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. J. H. B. Nihill sitting as Coroner, with a jury, comprising: Messrs. Patrick Brown (foreman), Veira Preira and Antonio Colloco.

The Coroner, addressing the jury, said there would be no difficulty in determining the cause of death. His Worship said that the woman, 47 years of age, was knocked down by a motor lorry and died on the following morning from injuries received. Medical evidence would be called to show that the deceased was injured in the leg, which had to be amputated. Expert evidence would also be taken as to the condition of the lorry, and the jury would have to decide whether there was any negligence on the part of the driver.

Dr. Newton, of the Kowloon Hospital, said that on October 18th he made a post-mortem examination on the deceased. He found that the left leg of the deceased had been amputated. The amputated leg was taken to the mortuary together with the dead body. The external examination of the body showed that the skin on the left leg had been torn off from just above the ankle and as high up as the loin. The muscles in the calf of the leg had also been torn and crushed, and there was a splintered fracture in the left shin bone. The internal examination of the dead woman showed that death was caused by shock following the injury to the leg.

Questioned by the Coroner, Dr. Newton said that the shin-bone was run over by the lorry.

Speed of the Lorry.

The next witness was Mr. John Valentine Dodd, Chief Interpreter of the Supreme Court, who said that on the afternoon of October 11th he was standing on the side pavement of Saigon Road talking to a friend. He noticed a motor lorry cutting through Saigon Road into Nathan Road going at the rate of about 15 miles an hour.

The Coroner: Did the lorry reduce speed when turning the corner of Nathan Road?

Witness: Yes, reduced by about half.

Foreman of the Jury: Did you hear any horn sounded?

Witness: No, I did not.

A youthful witness "provoked" much laughter in describing the accident. He said he was 15 years of age, and when asked if he was a paper-box maker, he indignantly replied, no, and said he was a paper-ware maker.

From his evidence it appeared that he was standing on the curb in Nathan Road. "I heard the lorry coming, because the whole ground trembled," said witness. "Then a woman was run down, and a policeman in red hat came and took the lorry and driver to the police station," he continued.

The Coroner: How did you know they were taken to the police station?

Witness: Because I followed them.

The Coroner: Did you get a ride?

Witness: No, I had to walk.

The Coroner: Did you see what part of the lorry hit the woman?

Witness: The front left wheel knocked the woman down, and the rear wheel ran over her.

The Coroner: Did you hear a horn?

Witness: No. The lorry made noises like "pe le bum bum."

Evidence was also taken as to the general conditions of the lorry on the day in question, and the enquiry was adjourned until this afternoon.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued from the Royal Observatory at 5.20, stated:—
The typhoon appears to be about 200 miles East of Manila, moving slowly Westward.

Local forecast: N.E. winds, moderate, fine.

Typhoon Warning.

The following telegram was received yesterday morning at the local American Consulate-General:—
Manila, Nov. 4th, 10 a.m.—Typhoon in about 125deg. Long E. and 18deg. Lat. N., almost stationary.

THE INDIAN YARN MARKET.

**POLISHWALLA AND KOTWALL'S
REPORT.**

Reporting on the Indian Yarn Market, Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall, cotton and yarn brokers, state:—

Since our last report on the 21st September our yarn market has remained totally depressed during the whole interval and very few sales have been effected at greatly reduced prices.

As Shanghai yarn is \$5 to \$8 per bale under the ruling rates of Indian yarn (which are adversely affected owing to continuous heavy drop in rupee exchange on India) hence the latter has been entirely neglected which has rendered the situation very critical for Indian yarn, as Chinese dealers holding large lots of their previous purchases at high rates are unable to take delivery on account of heavy losses.

Under the present abnormal circumstances the importers have also found themselves in a serious predicament as their stocks are greatly accumulating and Chinese dealers showing utter inability to clear their previous purchases.

Unsold stock about 12,000 bales.

Bargains in Chinese hands about 13,000 bales.

No. 10—Assur Veejee, \$164; Beria, \$147; Bradbury, \$135; Connaught, \$148; David, \$138; Dawn, \$133; Mayer Sashoon, \$130; Phoenix (Cow Ticket) R., \$168; Phoenix (Vase Ticket) M., \$152; Presidency, \$145; Sun Mill, \$147.

No. 12—China, \$157; Connaught, \$155; Dawn, \$150; Fazalbhoy, \$167; Finlay, \$168; Moon, \$163; Rubancy, various chops, \$157.

JAPANESE YARN.—With rates continuously declining, the demand of this yarn has also been very poor and only a very limited business has passed during the interval. The following are the ruling quotations to Spot Yarn: Nagasaki No. 20, \$190; Nagasaki No. 10, \$187; 3 Horses No. 10, \$197; 3 Horses No. 20, \$193; Yellow Jess No. 20, \$194; Setau No. 10, \$187; Setau No. 20, \$188; Blue Fish No. 12, \$169; Blue Fish No. 20, \$187.

Raw Cotton.—No stock. Quotations: Bengal, \$35 to \$40 per picul; Chinese, \$40 to \$45 per picul.

THE RUBBER MARKET.**LATEST SINGAPORE QUOTATIONS.**

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Bukit Jelutongs		1.08
Bekit Katila		1.10
Changkat Serdangs		10.30
Connemaras		2.80
Glencalles		2.90
Indragiris		10.60
Jerams		1.80
Jimahs		2.75
Kadahs		4.60
Kempas		9.70
Kuala Sidims		3.80
Lunas		4.05
Malaka Pindas		2.90
Malakoffs		5.10
Mandai Tekongs		0.80
Mayfields		15.75
Mentakabs		0.80
New Serendahs		3.00
Pajams		2.80
Punggors		1.50
Sandieroffs		2.50
Sandals		2.65
Sungei Bagans		4.50
Tapahs		33.60
Tambalaks		1.45
Teluk Ansons		18.25
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Lisbon	217.52
Buenos Aires	45.25/32
Shanghai	2/5½
Yokohama	2/0 9/32
New York	4.84 11/16
Geneva	25.13½
Milan	112½
Stockholm	18.14½
Oslo	18.35
Prague	163½
Madrid	31.94½
Rio	6.25/32
Bombay	1/5 7/16
Hongkong	1/11½
Silver (spot)	24 9/18
Silver (forward)	24 3/18

An inquest was held at Croydon on Richard Swan, aged 25, of Tunbridge Wells, a railway fireman, who was electrocuted. George Stanley, an engine driver, of Tonbridge, said that Swan and he brought a train from Tonbridge, and when just past Croydon station he stopped to back into a siding. For some unknown reason Swan clambered on to the tender, and the next thing witness saw a sheet of flame. Swan collapsed into the tender dead. It was afterwards discovered that his head had come into contact with the overhead electric wire, and a current of 6,600 volts passed through him. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

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QUESTION OF SHARE RETURNS.

THE SUPREME COURT.

Extension of time for filing allotments of shares in the Po Yuen Sing Co., of 146, Wing Lok Street, was granted in the Supreme Court yesterday on the application of Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy.

The manager of the firm, said Mr. Fitzroy, had been absent from the Colony for a considerable period and no returns of any allotments whatsoever in connection with the firm seemed to have been made.

In reply to the Chief Justice, Mr. Fitzroy said that the firm was founded in 1924. The application should have been heard some considerable time ago but his (Mr. Fitzroy's) illness had necessitated its adjournment. His Lordship granted an extension of time, Mr. Fitzroy stating that everything was in preparation for complying with the regulations.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

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SOLICITOR'S QUANDARY.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged on remand with attempting to obtain \$1,000 by false pretences.

Mr. J. T. Prior conducted the case on behalf of the complainant, Yeung Kwai Yaw and Mr. D. McCallum defended the accused.

At the previous hearing the complainant gave evidence regarding the receipt of letters which aroused his suspicion and led to his taking the matter to the Police. The case was put in the hands of Det. Sub-Inspector Lane who arranged for a Chinese detective to go to the complainant's office, No. 21, New Street, disguised as a clerk. Accused called by appointment and was handed two \$500 notes which had previously been marked. Leaving the office, he was followed and subsequently arrested.

"Too Busy."

At the commencement of the hearing yesterday, Mr. Prior informed the Magistrate that he had been unable to secure certified copies of his translations of the Chinese letters. "The Supreme Court refuse to translate them," said he, "and the Secretary for Chinese Affairs says he is too busy." He was therefore quite helpless in the matter and would ask his Worship to allow him to get the various witnesses to state what they understood by them.

Mr. McCallum raising no objection to the suggested procedure, his Worship allowed the application. Lam Kwok An, accountant in the employ of the firm from whom the letter was supposed to have been sent, said that he had not written it; it was undoubtedly a forgery, as he was in a position to know about every letter that left his office. The letter was not in the handwriting of anyone in his office. His firm, as a matter of fact, knew nothing whatever of the \$1,000 demanded.

The case was remanded.

BIG ARMS HAUL.

SEIZURE ON GERMAN VESSEL.

MAUSER PISTOLS.

The biggest arms haul of the year was made by Revenue Officers on Wednesday night when they conducted a search on the German vessel, the s.s. *Coblenz*. The vessel arrived earlier in the day from Singapore. Her original port was Hamburg.

The arms included over 140 Mauser pistols, and 18,000 rounds of ammunition. No arrests were made.

COLLISION IN HARBOUR.

JUNK RAMMED BY THE "WING WA"

On Wednesday night, as the s.s. *Wing Wa*, arrived from Kwangchow and was making for the Saikung Wharf on the Praya, she collided with a large trading junk. The junk was cut in two, and sank immediately.

At the time, the *Kwong Lee* was following in the rear, and threw her searchlight on the spot where the junk sank. The junkmen were rescued and taken ashore.

RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

The next Extra Race Meeting has been fixed for Saturday, the 27th November, and the programme is as follows:—

- 1.—6 Furlong Race (Handicap "A" and "B").
- 2.—One mile Handicap.
- 3.—St. Andrew's Stakes, 1½ miles.
- 4.—Polo Pony Stewards, 3 furlongs. Post entries.
- 5.—From two miles post, once round and in. Griffins.
- 6.—Autumn Champions (1 mile) for which all ponies will be eligible provided they have started at an Extra Meeting during 1926. Entrance fee \$10.

Annual Race Meeting.

The 14th, 15th, 16th and 19th March have been provisionally fixed as the dates for the annual meeting. This is, of course, later than usual and is due to the difficulty of getting down Subscription Griffins from the North.

To-morrow's Meeting.

My selections for the various races will appear in to-morrow morning's issue.

CRICKET.

"HERMES" DEFEAT KOWLOON.

A team from the H.M.S. *Hermes* met and defeated by 11 runs a scratch side of the Kowloon Cricket Club on their opponents' ground yesterday in a friendly match. Kowloon, who batted first, with only six men did very well in scoring 139 runs for 5 wickets. Loyal, their captain, made the highest score in the match, being undefeated with 69 runs, of which there were 9 boundaries.

The *Hermes* replied with 170 for 5 wickets. Their second wicket fell at 114 runs. Lieut. Sturges, who made 55, stayed in for almost 1½ hours. Kowloon fielded with nine men and two subs.

Scores were:—

KOWLOON C.C.			
F. Edwards, b. Sillitoe	6	1	30
J. C. Loyal, not out	69	1	1
A. R. F. Raven, c. Sturges, b. Brewerton	23	1	0
S. B. Spillett, c. Cornish, b. Sturges	6	1	0
Capt. R. A. Watters, b. Newall	13	1	0
Atkins, c. Sturges, b. Drake	18	1	0
Extras	28	1	0

Total (for 5 wickets).....150

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sillitoe	8	1	30	1
Sturges	6	1	19	1
Brewerton	10	1	32	0
Brewerton	3	1	14	1
Newall	3	0	17	1
Drake	2	0	14	1

—Bowled 1 wide.
—Bowled 2 wides.

H.M.S. "HERMES."

Lieut. Sillitoe, c. Loyal, b. Ross	25
Lieut. Sparks, b. Loyal	41
Lieut. Sturges, c. Morton, b. Brown	55
F/O. Brewerton, c. Loyal, b. Brown	23
F/O. Newall, not out	13
F/O. Brookman, b. Loyal	1
Extras	19

Total (for 5 wickets).....170

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brown	12	3	58	2
Loyal	14	0	54	2
Ross	3	0	29	1
Raven	3	1	12	0

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. K.C.C. 2nd XI.

This match will take place to-morrow at Kowloon, commencing at 2.15.

The following will play for the "H.K.C.C. 2nd XI."—P. Jacks, H. J. Hazell, R. K. Hepburn, F. B. Jones, Lieut. Col. E. D. Matthews, S. J. Stanesby, H. J. V. R. Stevenson, C. Wales and J. R. Way.

FOOTBALL.

LUGARD HALL DEFEATS MAY HALL.

Playing on the University ground on Tuesday, Lugard Hall defeated May Hall by two goals to nil in the inter-school football league.

The game was very well contested and a draw would have been a fairer reflection of the play. The goals for the winning side were scored by Barnes and Rontgen.

Mr. H. Braga was referee.

League Table.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Lugard Hall	3	3	0	0	8
Morrison Hall	1	1	0	0	2
Elliot Hall	1	0	0	1	0
St. John's Hall	1	0	0	1	0
May Hall	2	0	0	2	0

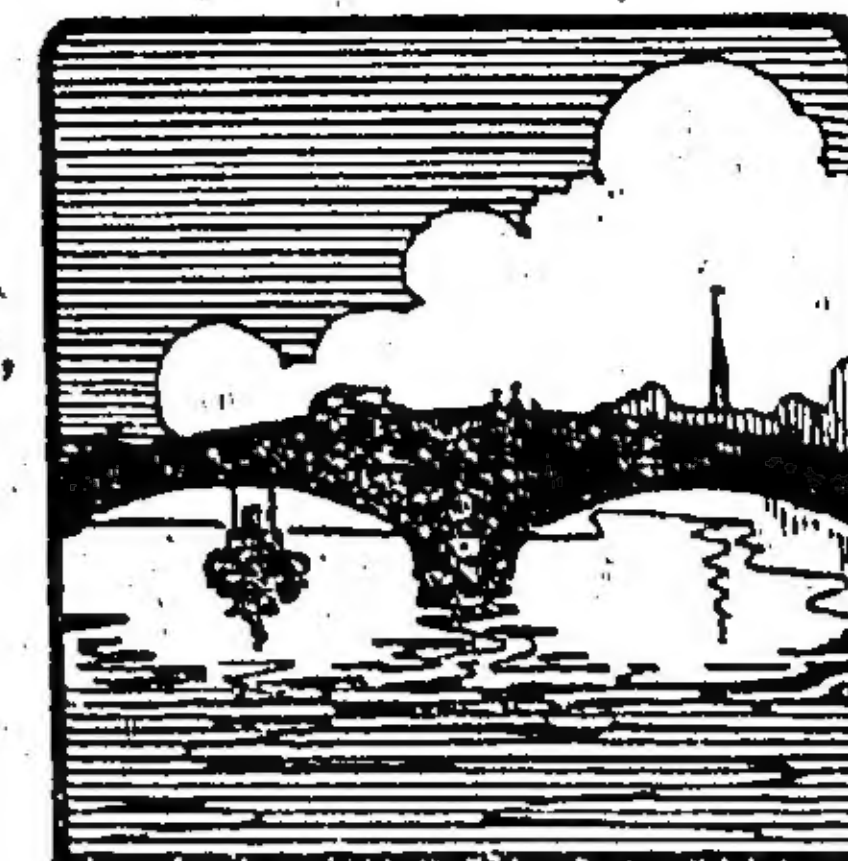
H.K.F.O. v. Chinese Athletic.

In this match, at the Club ground to-morrow, kick-off at 5.30 p.m., the Club team will be:—

Rodger, Howard, Wallington, McBride, Stewart, Watson, Taylor, Valentine, Linnaker, Hanson, Alexander, and Railton.

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LOCAL GOLF NEWS.

THE DRAW FOR JASPER CLARK CUP AND CHAMPIONSHIP.

Entries closed for the Championship, Jasper Clark Cup, and Governor's Shield on Monday last, and the draw for the Jasper Clark Cup and Qualifying Round of the Championship are given below.

The Jasper Clark Cup will be played for on Sunday, November 28th (the original date fixed for the match, November 21st, having been put forward a week) as the annual match between the St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies has taken its place, being brought forward from the 14th on account of the Interport Cricket fixture.

The conditions of play in these competitions is medal play over 36 holes (without handicap). If a member finds he is unable to play, he is requested kindly to give notice to the Secretary as soon as possible. If any entrant scratches, the vacancy so caused will be filled by the next player on the list whose partner does not play, or, if necessary, a marker will be provided. Players will start at allotted times in the morning, and not before, and times for the afternoon round will be allotted to players in the order in which they finish in the morning. Cards have to be returned after 18 and 36 holes. In case of a tie for the Jasper Clark Cup, or for 16th place in the qualifying competition for the Championship, such tie will be played off on Saturday, December 4th, over 18 holes, unless those concerned agree to an earlier date.

The Draw.

The draw for the Jasper Clark Cup and qualifying round of the Championship Competitions has been made as under:—

Starting Time.

9.30 a.m.—D. J. Valentine and D. G. Bruce
9.35 " T. L. Christie and Captain Bloxham
9.40 " F. S. Harrison and A. Leach
9.45 " J. S. McLaren and A. S. Purves
9.50 " F. J. de Rome and Colonel Boylan Smith
9.55 " W. L. Dunbar and A. W. Shovelton
10.00 " G. Murray and I. W. Shewan
10.05 " A. K. Valentine and H. U. Ireland
10.10 " T. C. Monaghan and G. W. Sewell
10.15 " A. B. Raworth and E. Davidson
10.20 " N. L. Smith and L. N. Andrews
10.25 " R. K. Hepburn and I. Newton
10.30 " W. Galloway and A. K. Mackenzie
10.35 " C. C. Stark and E. A. Redmond
10.40 " E. D. Matthews and R. M. Smith
10.45 " A. H. Ferguson and W. Ironside
10.50 " A. C. Brown and C. Bulmer Johnson
10.55 " T. D. E. Pendered and M. H. Roffey
11.00 " F. Syme Thomson and L. G. S. Dodwell
11.05 " J. W. Franks and R. Hancock
11.10 " A. D. Humphreys and H. V. Sheldon

Other Items.

On Armistice Day (next Thursday) the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will follow its usual practice on this occasion, and, as in former years, members will commemorate the Day by laying a wreath on the war memorial outside the Club house at Fanling. Explosive signals for the two minutes silence will be fired at a point near the half-way house, and also at Deep Water Bay, and will indicate the beginning and end of the silence. The match between the Kowloon Golf Club and the Junior Section is likely to take place on Sunday, November 14th on the former Club's course. Last year the K.C.C. invited the Junior Section to Kowloon City, where they spent a fine time, and a return match was subsequently played at Happy Valley. It seems probable that such will be the case again this year, and that the events will become annual fixtures.

ARRIVING AND PASSING THROUGH.

PASSENGERS ON THE "PRESIDENT GRANT."

CHINESE TENNIS PLAYER AMONG THE NUMBER.

As mentioned yesterday, the Admiral Oriental Liner s.s. *President Grant* arrived late on Wednesday afternoon from Seattle via Japan and Shanghai ports.

She brought 1,382 tons of cargo for Hongkong, consisting of 853 tons of flour, 138 tons of salted fish, 211 tons of cotton goods and 175 tons of general.

The liner brought 60 European cabin passengers, 22 Chinese cabin passengers and 203 deck passengers. She also brought 345 bags of mail for local discharge. The *President Grant* sailed for Manila yesterday at 5 p.m., returning here next Thursday, and departs for American again on Friday.

Her Passengers.

Among the passengers arriving by the liner was Mr. W. Lok Wei, son of a former Chinese representative on the Legislative Council (the late Sir Boshen Wei Yuk).

Mr. Lok Wei, who has been touring several countries, chiefly for the purpose of playing tennis matches (he represented China in the Davis Cup match in America), will remain in Hongkong for some considerable time.

Among other passengers on the *President Grant* were—Mrs. E. A. Gionore, wife of the Vice-Governor of the Philippines; Mr. C. H. Benson, General Manager of the American Express Co., Hongkong, returning from the United States; Mother Mary and Joseph Rogers, on a tour of Maryknoll Missions in the East; and Dr. E. A. Rodier, director of the Bureau of Agriculture of Manila, returning there after an extended leave of absence.

The "Tanda."

The s.s. *Tanda* arriving yesterday morning from Melbourne and Manila, brought 1,052 tons of general cargo for Hongkong, with 2,503 tons for shipment to ports beyond. She also brought two Maxim guns and 28,000 round of ammunition for Macao.

She had 46 saloon passengers, for Hongkong, and also carried 294 deck passengers. Later arrivals yesterday, included the following vessels:—The *Nulcrans*, from Batavia and Canton, with 200 tons of kerosene for Hongkong; the *Wing Wa* (Chinese), from Fort Bayard and Kwong-chow-wan, with 80 tons of general cargo for Hongkong; the *Kiku Maru* (Japanese), from Kobe and Maki, with 4,106 tons of coal for Hongkong; the *Bellorophon*, from Liverpool and Singapore, with general cargo for Hongkong and ports beyond; the *Tak-tien*, from Kobe and Amoy, with 392 tons of cotton goods, safety matches and salt fish for Shanghai and Swatow, with 438 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 314 tons for ports beyond.

The s.s. *Glaucon* is due to-day with Home papers via Negapatam (London, October 7th) and the *City of Cairo* should arrive to-morrow with letters from Home of the same date. Also due to-day is the *City of Baroda* with Home and Europe mail via Siberia. The outward Home mail will this week-end be carried by the s.s. *Ramo Maru*. On Monday the s.s. *President Harrison* arrives from the North with mail from U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. Several other mails from the same ports are due early next week as well, will be seen by the mail announcements on page 12.

SIR A. COBHAM'S NEXT GREAT FLIGHT.

JOURNEY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

What will Sir Alan Cobham do next? The famous airman, I am able to state (says the Air Correspondent of the *Daily Express*), has been considering a Transatlantic flight, starting from a point on the English coast. Plans for the flight were tentatively made before he left for Melbourne.

Sir Alan has for some time had the Transatlantic air crossing in mind. He believes that, given the necessary resources, he can accomplish it. A great deal of organization would, naturally, be necessary before embarking on such a project.

It is probable that Sir Alan will first visit America on a lecture tour, after which, if still of the same mind as at present, he will turn his attention to Transatlantic flight possibilities.

TRADE POSITION IN CANTON.

MERCHANTS AND THE LABOUR ELEMENTS.

CHANCE OF REPEAL OF TRAVELLING TAX.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

The trade position in Canton has undergone little change. If anything the position is better for, in spite of everything, a number of Chinese merchants are continuing to order British goods.

As I have already reported there are rumours that a boycott, or something very similar to a boycott, of British goods is to be re-commenced on November 5th, but it is stated that the merchants are asking the professional agitators to reconsider their decision in this matter on the ground that Chinese interests will suffer considerably. As an example it is pointed out that since the official cancellation of the boycott merchants have ordered goods from British ports and these may now be on their way.

In any case it is generally admitted that no seizures from the shops will be allowed for a month or two. That is a respite and many believe there will be considerable changes in the Canton administration before those two months are up. It is thought that the same elements will ultimately prevail over the extremists.

Already rumour is busy with a successor to General Chiang Kai Shek. Among those mentioned are Generals Hsu Chung Chi, Li Lieh Chun, Li Tsai Hsin, Feng Yu Hsiang, and Tan Yen Kai. Mr. Wang Ching Wei is on his way back from Europe to take charge of the Civil Administration.

Labour Trouble.

Labour troubles in Canton this week are not more serious than they have been for some time past. Some "Red" workers last Tuesday wounded 32 and killed two "anti-Reds." This was the only extraordinary development in the long drawn-out labour dispute.

Following the protest of the Canton hotel keepers and Chinese shipowners the Kuomintang war tax of 20 per cent. of the value of a steamship ticket, west or northward, may be repealed.

Inland ports like Kowloon will probably be suffering shortly from shortage of food supplies. Tow-boatmen and junks, as a protest against delay caused by *likin* or transit tax collectors, have since November 2nd refused to carry any more freight. These *likin* collectors, having farmed their tax out from the Kuomintang for collection at a stated amount of return to the party leaders, naturally want to be as close as possible in their examination of outgoing or incoming cargo, as every fine means so much more profit to them.

Chinese seamen in Canton, formerly with the British Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Company, are confident that most of them will be re-employed. These seamen left the service of the Company a year ago last June in connection with the anti-British boycott and strike.

RIVER TRAFFIC.

The *Taihan* went up yesterday morning with a fair amount of general cargo, and about 100 Chinese passengers. Amongst these were Mr. Wang Ching Wai, formerly holding office in the Nationalist Government, and Dr. C. T. Wang, of Peking. They were accompanied by Mr. Cohen. She brought back under 50 passengers last evening.

The *Tung On* took up a big cargo and many passengers.

The *Sui On* returned yesterday afternoon with little cargo, but with over 100 passengers. She took up the previous day 550 tons of cargo and 804 passengers.

The *Fatshan* only brought down the usual supplies of vegetables and fish. She had about 40 passengers.

The St. John's Cathedral Church Body has authorized the following special collections in the Cathedral:—October 17th, Hospitals; October 31st, Society of Promoting Christian Knowledge; November 11th, Actors' Church Union, 9.45 a.m.; St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers and Sailors; November 21st, The Victoria Diocesan Association; December 5th, British and Foreign Bible Society; Christmas Day, Diocesan Schools; January 9th, Church Missionary Association.

CANTON SURTAXES.

EMPHATIC PROTEST BY POWERS.

"DIRECT VIOLATION OF TREATIES."

CONFERENCE OF DIPLOMATS IN PEKING.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEKING, November 4th.

The following joint protest on behalf of the twelve Powers concerned was handed to the Waichiaoou by M. Ouden-dijk yesterday afternoon:

"The Senior Minister has the honour to inform the Waichiaoou that he has been requested by his colleagues to make the following statement:—In view of the levying by Canton, Shantung and other authorities in China of certain taxes on foreign trade, the diplomatic representatives of the Powers concerned declare that they cannot recognise the legality of the measure which is in direct violation of Treaties."

Practically identical memoranda have been wired to Senior Consuls at Tsinanfu and Canton (Japanese and Portuguese Consuls respectively) with instructions to hand them to the Chinese authorities there.

The memorandum was presented following a lengthy meeting of the Diplomatic Corps yesterday. In addition to this it was decided that all or any of the Powers could protest individually to Canton. America and most if not all of the Powers have already done so or will very shortly.

There have already been Consular protests to Shantung. Protests as regards the searching of foreigners have also already been made at Canton.

"TIME FOR ACTION."

STRONG HOME COMMENT.

CALL FOR ACTION BY JAPAN AND BRITAIN.

LONDON, November 4th.

The Japanese and American protests to Canton prompt the *Daily Telegraph* to remark in a long leader: "China will surely at last receive the attention, which, if given eighteen months ago, would have saved the situation."

The newspaper notes that the protests are independent, and do not hold a hope of international action, but after alluding to China's attitude towards Belgium, it says that certain Treaties with Japan will soon need renewal, and not even the most infatuated optimist in China can believe that Japan will accept such a demand as that put forward to Belgium.

"In the absence of the ability of other Powers to agree, the main question is for ourselves and Japan to decide. We shall always have Japan beside us in a determined attempt to stabilise the Chinese situation. It is clear that the occasion for action on our part has come, and it won't be of long duration."

THE EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

FIRST LADIES' NIGHT.

The first Ladies' Night of the winter season was held at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, last evening, under the auspices of the social and entertainment committee.

The arrangements made for the opening function of this nature were all that could be desired, and everything went off without a hitch. In fact a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by both members and guests. In all there were well over 100 present, and lady guests numbered over 50, at the dinner party which assembled before the entertainment which began later in the evening.

The excellent programme provided was contributed to by Mrs. Fleming, Miss McDill and Mr. J. Grenham, who all gave songs, with which they delighted their audience and for which they received enthusiastic encores.

The Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith, without whom few entertainments at Kowloon would be complete, entertained; and a capital sketch was presented by Messrs. P. Sands and J. Petrie. A quartette was also given by Messrs. Dand, Chatman, Petrie and Grenham.

During the evening the usual competition, held on these occasions, took place, the subject this time being "names of books." Prizes were awarded to the winners.

ST. PETER'S YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

SUCCESSFUL INAUGURATION LAST NIGHT.

COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME OUTLINED.

Every young man of to-day believes that he is capable of much and feels that he has a large contribution to make to the public weal. Great movements everywhere are shaking the foundations and altering the whole aspect of human society. The call to young men is sounded forth in every land and though we should take off our hats to the past we must take off our coats to the future. We believe that the world prospers as its young prosper, it declines as the young decline.

Thus said Mr. T. S. Zimmermann, at the inaugural meeting of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, held yesterday evening at the Cathedral Hall. The Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy, Bishop of Victoria, presided.

The meeting was called: (1) To adopt the resolution that the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club be formed; (2) To adopt the constitution; (3) To elect officers; (4) To receive from the acting Secretaries a statement outlining the activities of the Club.

Outlining the aims of the Club, Mr. Zimmermann said that the idea of forming a Club such as this is nothing new. It was at a meeting of St. Peter's Church Council on August 4th when it was felt that there was a definite need for a Young Men's Club on this side of the Harbour. In fact it owes its formation to the repeated requests of young people for a homey meeting place where they can gather together for recreation and to discuss the many problems which we, of this generation, are called upon to face. With this end in view and with the cause of youth before them, a group of young men met in this Hall a month ago and provisionally appointed a Committee to go into the question of the formation of such a Club. At this stage a number of elderly men stepped forward and gave much valuable guidance and advice. Since then much progress has been made.

Sunday school classes will probably commence early in December. A Debating Group and Study Circle will be formed as soon as the Club house is ready. There will be a full supply of periodicals and magazines both in English and Chinese. The Sporting side of the Club will be in the hands of a Sports Central Committee which will consist of Captains of the various teams and other members to be elected. Efforts are being made to fit up a Gymnasium but nothing definite can be done until the Sports Committee has met. Chess enthusiasts will be catered for and football and cricket teams will be formed as soon as possible.

The resolutions when put to the vote, were unanimously carried. The officers elected are:—President:—The Bishop of Victoria. Vice-Presidents:—Rev. H. Copley Moyle and Mr. W. L. Pattenden. Chairman:—Rev. N. V. Halward. Vice-Chairman:—Prof. L. Forster. Hon. Secretaries:—Messrs. Peter Pan and T. S. Zimmermann. Hon. Treasurer:—Mr. A. E. Lea. Committee:—Messrs. W. Jackson, R. C. Randall, E. G. Stewart, Andrew Cheung, W. M. Gittins, A. L. Quarrell, and Edw. Sun.

The meeting was brought to a conclusion by a prayer and the Rt. Rev. Duppuy blessed the formation of the Club.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

REFERENCE IN "CATHEDRAL NOTES."

The following reference to St. Andrew's Day appears in the current issue of *St. John's Cathedral Notes*:—

"The eve of St. Andrew's day has been for many years the day appointed as a day of special prayer for the extension of the Kingdom of God amongst non-Christian people. It has long been observed as a day of continuous prayer in the Cathedral, different people taking a quarter of an hour and spending the time in the Cathedral in prayer. The Chaplain will be very glad to hear from any who like to take part in the work. It is noticeable how the missionary work of the Church has spread and increased since the institution of the Day of Intercession in the year 1877. At the present time the four reports issued by the Missionary Council of the National Assembly of the Church of England have shown how pressing is the need of a great increase in the number of workers and in the amount contributed by our Church to the evangelisation of the world. Empire involves responsibility, and we of the British Empire are bound to see that we do our part in spreading the Christian message which has been the foundation of our own national life."

WESTERN MARKET AFFRAY.

ALLEGED MURDERER SENT FOR TRIAL.

SEQUEL TO GUILD WORKERS' FIGHT.

The case of the Western Market affray, in which a number of men belonging to a Packers' Guild had a fight one Sunday morning, as a result of which, two men were killed and a Chinese hukong was wounded, was concluded at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

The defendant in the case, who, as previously reported, is charged with the murder of the two men mentioned, with wounding a constable whilst in the execution of his duty and with possession of a dagger, was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

Over 20 witnesses appeared for the prosecution in this case, which was conducted by Mr. T. M. Hazeltine, Assistant Crown Solicitor. The remaining witnesses gave evidence at yesterday's hearing, and the Court sat late in order to finish the case.

At the conclusion of the Crown's evidence, Mr. F. Loseby, who appeared for the defendant, said that he did not propose to call witnesses for the defence or to address his Worship. Replying to a submission by Mr. Loseby, Mr. Lindsell said there was strong evidence against defendant on the charges of wounding and the possession of a dagger.

Mr. Loseby agreed with this, but commented that there was lack of evidence which should have been forthcoming with regard to the fight.

Mr. Lindsell: When you have been in Hongkong a little longer, Mr. Loseby, you will say there is evidence that might have been coming. You will not say "should have been forthcoming."

Mr. Lindsell held that there was sufficient evidence to commit defendant for trial on a charge of murder as well as the other two charges. He therefore committed accused for trial on all three charges.

ALLEGED HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

EUROPEANS TO THE RESCUE.

SEQUEL TO TOY PISTOL "HOLD-UP."

It will be remembered that on Sunday evening, October 24th, what is alleged to have been a daring "hold-up" occurred in Queen's Gardens, when a Chinese supposedly armed with a pistol is said to have accosted Mr. C. Channing, a young Chinese, and a girl companion.

"If you value your life," the alleged robber said, "hand over at once all your valuables and money."

This demand was complied with, and the sequel was that the Chinese in question appeared before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, charged with highway robbery. The evidence for the prosecution showed that Mr. Channing and his companion were resting on a seat at the time when defendant came along. In compliance with the demand, the girl handed over a pair of ear-rings and a gold finger ring, Mr. Channing having said that he had no money.

A struggle ensued between Mr. Channing and the defendant, and the girl's cries of "Save Life" attracted Messrs. H. Owen Hughes and A. J. Hazeland from No. 10, Queen's Gardens, to the scene.

These gentlemen rushed down the hill and quickly made the defendant a prisoner, holding him until the arrival of an Indian police officer.

A Toy Pistol.

On a search being made, the supposed pistol proved to be an American toy pistol, a perfectly harmless weapon. Defendant was taken to the Central Police Station. Later, the missing jewellery was found. In a statement, when charged at the police station, defendant denied snatching the jewellery from the girl and said the jewellery was handed over to him by the girl after he had flashed his torch on them and asked them what they were doing. Defendant further stated that he was taking the toy pistol to a friend's child, but when he got to the house, he found the door shut. At the time of the alleged incident, he was returning from this place.

Mr. H. V. Rogers, of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., stated that he had employed defendant as a cook-boy at No. 7, Queen's Garden for ten months. During that time, defendant's conduct as a servant had been exemplary, and witness had always found him honest. Prior to employing him, defendant had been working at No. 1, Queen's Gardens, where he had been all through the strike.

His Worship committed defendant for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

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Hongkong, 4th November, 1926. [4155]

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1926. [4158]

ARMISTICE DAY, 1926.

THE "BRITISH LEGION" has been asked to furnish a Contingent for the Ceremony at the Cenotaph. All those willing to attend, please send their Names in to me by MONDAY MORNING, 8th NOVEMBER.

R. E. CABLE,
Hon. Secretary, BRITISH LEGION.

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held in the JOCKEY CLUB ROOM, HONGKONG, on THURSDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, 1926, at 12.30 P.M.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

[4151]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1911
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.

WINDING UP ORDER made the 27th day of OCTOBER, 1926.

Dated and Place of First Meeting:—

Creditors—13th day of NOVEMBER, 1926, at 8.30 o'clock in the Forenoon at the Official Receiver's Office.

Contributors—13th day of NOVEMBER, 1926, at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon at the Official Receiver's Office.

Dated the 5th day of November, 1926.

D. W. TRATMAN,

Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Offices of the HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION have this Day Moved from No. 12 to No. 10, ICE HOUSE STREET.

PAUL HODGSON,

Secretary.

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SANDAKAN LIGHT & POWER CO. (1922), LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, CHATER ROAD, VICTORIA, HONG KONG, on SATURDAY, the 6th NOVEMBER, 1926, at 11.30 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the Year ended 30th June, 1926, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th October, 1926. [4140]

PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO LET—STOWORD No. 2, 46, BONHAM ROAD, Three Stories, Six Rooms, Five Bath Rooms, Kitchen, Servants' Quarters, recently repaired and renovated. Apply—DEACONS, PRINCE'S BUILDING.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather permitting) at HARRY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, 1926, Commencing at 2.30 P.M. The First Ball will be rung at 2 P.M.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all Persons including Ladies, Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform—Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LIXSTRAD & HAYES at \$5.00 each up to FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 1926.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each Member can obtain, upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge. [4137]

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

FIRST TOURNAIMENT OF THE SEASON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6th at 8.15 P.M.

AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENT:—

15 ROUND CONTEST FOR THE WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

J. B. EVIN, v. C. P. O. JIM CARLIDGE.

H. M. S. HEMES, also Royal Naval Yard.

FIVE OTHER CONTESTS.

BOOKING AT MOUTRIE'S FOR:—

MEMBERS: 3rd and 4th NOVEMBER.

GENERAL PUBLIC: 5th and 6th NOVEMBER.

USUAL PRICES.

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NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

THE Undermentioned 9 Certificates for 384 Shares in this Company, standing in the Name of LEUNG HING CHEUNG, have been LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the following Share Certificates be not forthcoming, other Certificates for the said Shares will be issued by the Company and thereafter No Other will be Acknowledged:—

Certificate for 100 Shares Nos. 89314/39413	" " " " " 80852/80911
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" " " " " 56055/56104	" " " " " 12413/12416
" " " " " 56055/56073	" " " " " 56130/56179
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384 Shares in all.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 8th October, 1926. [4049]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF JOHN FRAZER, Late of 36, PEMBERTON STREET in the City and County of DUBLIN in the IRISH FREE STATE, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Supreme Court of Hong Kong has in accordance with Section 88 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the Time for sending in Claims against the above Estate to the 27th day of NOVEMBER, 1926.

All Claims against the said Estate should be sent in by that Date to the Undersigned. Dated the 28th day of October, 1926.

DEACONS,

Solicitors for the Executors,

1, Des Vaux Road Central, Hong Kong.

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WANTED LADY STENO-TYPIST with General Knowledge of Office Work by British Firm in Canton. For Further particulars apply—Box 4149, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [4148]

WANTED—A Small Furnished FLAT, or Two or Three Rooms in Private House for European Family—Man, Wife and Two Babies. CLIFTON BAY or HAPPY VALLEY District Preferred—Reply giving full particulars to Box No. 4140, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [4140]

TO LET—UNFURNISHED 4-Roomed FLAT, A.P.C. BUILDING, Central Avenue, SHAMSHUI. Modern Sanitation, Hot and Cold Water. Apply to—ASIATIC PETROLEUM COMPANY, CANTON. [4147]

INTIMATIONS.

Autumn—and the approaching Winter—

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BIRTH.

HOLDER—On October 29th, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. A. HOLDER, a son.

DEATH.

BELL-IRVING—At Foochow, on October 28th, 1926, PATRICIA LOUISE, beloved wife of ARNEAS McBEAN BELL-IRVING, and daughter (still-born). [4153]

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 5TH, 1926.

THE BUDGET DISCUSSION.

It was very satisfactory to find that the Unofficial members of Council in commenting upon the estimates for 1927 emphasised the fact that true economy does not simply mean the stopping of works of development. It would be the easiest thing in the world to save two or three million dollars in a comparatively short space of time if instructions were given that there should be no expenditure upon any project which was not urgently required, or which did not give promise of an immediate return upon the money invested. It would mean, however, crying a halt to progress and reconciling ourselves to a period of stagnation and such a policy would probably ultimately prove to be the most wasteful and extravagant one upon which the Colony had ever embarked. The economy which the Unofficial members of Council, and every other resident, desires is that which comes from efficient supervision of details. The money needed for practical and well considered schemes will never be grudged so long as there is confidence that all possibility of waste is precluded, and taxpayers are satisfied that the fullest value is being obtained from every penny spent.

These were the ideas which almost certainly prompted the questions concerning the increase in the number of appointments and the criticism levelled against the abandonment, or postponement, of the Shing Mun Valley water supply scheme as far as the island of Hongkong is concerned. It seems very difficult to understand why fairly considerable sums should be required for new officials at a time when the general slackening of commercial activity must be reflected in many Government departments. There are fewer ships in the harbour and fewer students in the schools but more people are being engaged at the Harbour Office and in the Education Department. On the other hand, our water supply is obviously inadequate and yet the pipe lines connecting with the Shing Mun Valley are not to be brought across the harbour. The Unofficial members apparently thought that this latter work had been abandoned on the score of economy and very naturally and properly they raised a strong protest. H.E. THE GOVERNOR, however, gave an entirely different reason for the change in plan. Apparently he is of the opinion that the water from the Shing Mun Valley will all be required in the years to come to meet the needs of the rapidly developing residential area on the mainland. What is to become of Hongkong in the meantime is not quite clear because even if the project of building another reservoir on the island materialises we shall be, as the Hon. Mr. BIRD pointed out, still dependent on the rainfall and that we know of our cost sometimes fails us. Just before the great storm in July the water supply had to be restricted although the rainfall for the previous five months had been above the average.

As far as the general financial position of the Colony is concerned there is not the slightest ground for alarm regarding the future. We have a balance of assets over liabilities of nearly three million dollars and that balance will not be touched. Up to the present two million dollars have been spent out of revenue on the Shing Mun Valley water scheme and the deficit on the estimates next year, taking into consideration the expected yield from the new liquor duties and the increase in hospital fees, will be only a million. If the Shing Mun expenditure, therefore, is charged to a loan account, as it should be, that deficit will be automatically wiped out and there will be an extra million dollars in hand. It is a position of which we should be proud coming as it does after nearly two years of abnormal trade depression. We do not share the anxiety apparently felt in some quarters because the Colony is to have recourse to borrowing. On the contrary, it is extremely unfair to present taxpayers that large public works should be entirely financed from current revenue. There has been extravagance, rather than parsimony, in the past, and it ought not to be a difficult matter now, if due care is exercised, to keep necessary recurrent expenditure within the bounds of estimated revenue. That is the problem and it can be solved satisfactorily by watching very jealously any proposed addition to administrative expenses. Works of development come into a category apart.

We cordially agree with the remarks made regarding the basis of calculation of the Colony's military contribution. This question has, of course, been raised before but no very serious attempt has ever been made to have the position changed. The Colony is not overburdened with money. It has now to investigate every avenue carefully in order to see how needed revenue may be raised. If the rainstorm had done five times the amount of damage it did do and indemnity had been taxed to the utmost to provide the necessary funds to repair the ravages we suppose the Military Authorities would have automatically secured their twenty per cent. Little wonder that jibes are often levelled against traditional Government methods. When the War Office runs short of money we presume prayers are offered up that a typhoon will strike Hongkong. And yet it must be remembered that this little Colony is probably one of the most expensive places in the world in which to live.

Confirmation classes are being held at present at St. John's Cathedral.

St. John's Cathedral Notes reminds readers that the season of Advent begins early this year, viz., on November 28th.

The annual camp of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps commences at Fanling to-day and ends on December 10th.

Confirmation classes for adults, senior boys and girls will commence early in December at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

The next half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club is to be held in Jockey Club annexe on November 18th at 12.30 p.m.

There was notified on Wednesday one Dutch case of scarlet fever and one Chinese and one British case (imported) of interic fever.

The Church Body of St. John's Cathedral has approved of a scheme of scholarships (tenable at Central British School, Kowloon) for choir-boys of the Cathedral.

The Vicer's Cup for a shooting competition, in connection with St. Andrew's Young Men's Club, was won by Mr. C. J. Hesterman. Mr. J. W. Baldwin has been elected Hon. Treasurer of the Club.

A scheme for awarding four scholarships for choir-boys taking the form of free education at the Central British School, Kowloon, has been approved by the Church Body of St. John's Cathedral.

Garden Road is now open to traffic both ways. Ice House Street South of Queen's Road Central, will be open to up-going traffic only. The Military Roads East and South of Murray Barracks are closed to traffic.

A Chinese married woman, of Peel Street, who attempted to commit suicide yesterday morning by cutting her throat with a table knife, died yesterday afternoon at the Government Civil Hospital, as a result of the injury inflicted.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the son of Mr. Tong Yat Chuen, J.P., was charged with assaulting a bus conductor and refusing to alight from the bus when ordered. He was fined \$10 on the first charge. The second charge was dismissed.

A Chinese seaman of the s.s. *Kinshan* prosecuted by Senior Revenue Officer G. Watt at the Central Magistracy yesterday for being in possession of three teels of opium was fined \$350, with an alternative of four months' imprisonment, by Mr. R. E. Lindell.

A man charged with keeping an opium divan in the "boys" quarters attached to the Army Service Corps barracks, opposite the Naval Yard gate, was fined \$50 by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday. The bail of six smokers who failed to appear, was estreated.

A report was made to the police yesterday by Cheung Ling Sang, a Chinese schoolmaster of No. 144, Ki Lung Street, second floor, to the effect that three men entered the house at about noon yesterday and stole a leather bag containing \$38, mostly consisting of new \$1 notes. There was also a gold finger ring stolen.

Dinner dances are now held at the Hongkong Hotel roof garden and ball room from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight every night except Sundays. Dinner is at \$3.50 per head or may be had a la carte. Popular tea dances are also held in the roof garden from 4.30 p.m. daily (Sundays excepted) for which admission is 50 cents.

H.M. ships *Despatch* and *Cantor* arrived in port on Wednesday. H.M.S. *Despatch*, which figured prominently in the news recently on account of a detachment of her crew participating in the Wansien accident, returns after several months' absence in the North. H.M.S. *Cantor* arrived from Home with reliefs for Naval units.

A Chinese boy jumped off a moving motor bus at Kowloon on Wednesday, and received injuries from which he died soon after admission into the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Amongst the passengers who left for Manila on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Douglas and children. Mr. Douglas, who is with the A.P.C., has been transferred to the Manila branch. Both he and Mrs. Douglas will be much missed by their many friends here.

Three Chinese who were convicted at the September Criminal Sessions on a charge of murder on board a fishing junk on May 20th at Lap Sap Mei, were duly executed at the Victoria Gaol on Wednesday morning, and at the Central Magistracy in the afternoon Major C. Willson held the customary enquiry into the death of the three prisoners.

A pretty wedding was solemnized on October 31st, in the doctors' house of the Margaret Williamson's Hospital, Shanghai, when Dr. W. K. Nance, Head of the Surgical Department of the Hospital was married to Dr. Phoebe Doris Hoffman, also a member of the medical staff of the institution. The Rev. W. B. Nance of Seochow, father of the groom, officiated at the ceremony.

Three new Consular officers are shortly to be sent by the American Government to South China, according to reports received in Shanghai. The three men are all coming from Mexico and South America. They are Mr. MacLean, now at Guayaquil; Mr. Butterick, now at Valparaiso; and Mr. Bay, now at Tampico. They are not expected in China for several months. The order for their transfer has, however, been issued.

The Rev. Lee Kau Yan, who has seven orphan boys and two blind men in his care, is appealing through *St. John's Cathedral Notes* for gifts of clothing or blankets, as it is not easy to provide for them especially now the cold weather is beginning. Any such gifts may be sent to the Chaplain, at the Cathedral Hall, or direct to the Rev. Lee Kau Yan, at St. Stephen's Vicarage, Pokfulam Road.

Writing in the *Monthly Messenger*, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, refers with deep regret to the pending departure of the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith, M.A., whose term of service expires at the end of this month. The Rev. Mr. Arrowsmith severs his connection with St. Andrew's Church on December 8th, after a period of three years' service, during which time he has by steady, conscientious work, as well as by his social gifts, won the esteem of the whole parish.

Among the recent arrivals for H.M.S. *Titanic* is an entirely up-to-date and first-class orchestra. Known when in England as the Medway Melodians, this group of musicians has played at the Philharmonic Hall, London; The Connaught Rooms; the Holborn Restaurant, and in all parts of Kent. The orchestra includes among others Mr. Jack C. Hyton, Mr. J. Bramley and Mr. R. Tanner who have all had first-class experience and is under the leadership of Mr. A. A. Davies, who will be remembered as the leader of the *Hawking Quartette* here in Hongkong in 1919-1921. The orchestra consists of piano, violin, saxophones, trumpet, banjos and drums and should be in much demand during the season now commencing.

FAREWELL DANCE.

PROCEEDS FOR WANHSIEN FUND.

The Dance Club of H.M.S. *Titanic* and Submarines, which has been responsible for staging so many successful functions in past seasons, made their final bow to Hongkong last night, when they held a farewell carnival dance (prior to the ship's companies going home) at the R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks.

There was a very large attendance of both Naval and Army Service men with a full representation from the *Titanic* and the Submarines. There were also many civilians present. A merry time was spent, dancing commencing at 8.30 and continuing until a late hour. The spirit of carnival was expressed in the plentiful decorations and the varied costumes. Prizes were given for the best fancy and the most original costumes, and the judges had a somewhat difficult task. The usual carnival novelties were introduced, and everything possible was done by those responsible for the arrangements to ensure a happy time for all present. Needless to say the Committee's efforts were well repaid to and their hopes more than fulfilled.

Music was provided by the dance band of the *Titanic*. The proceeds of admission, etc., will be devoted to the Wansien Fund.

NORTHERN SITUATION.

HANKOW THREATENED BY YANG'S SEN.

BIG FORCES ADVANCING ON SOUTHERNERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, November 4th. According to Sun Chuan Fang's local headquarters, General Yang, Sen, is making rapid progress towards Hankow with a force of 30,000. It is reported that he has reached an understanding with the military commanders of Hupeh.

The combined strength of the various troops advancing against the Kuomintang main forces is estimated at 70,000.

The Situation on the Yangtze.

According to a message from Kiukiang, though the Allied troops drove the Cantonese invaders into Kiukiang, they also have suffered heavily. Upon receipt of the report regarding the Chekiang revolt, the Allied Commander purposely made his men concentrate along the Nanchang-Kiukiang railway line, for fear that they might be threatened with outside agitation. Instead of letting his troops chase the enemy, Marshal Sun is only devoting himself to restoring communications, commercial, banking and other organisations to their original status, so as to win popular favour. On the other hand, the main body of the Anhwei army under General Chen Tiao Yuen, numbering some 12,000 strong, who were stationed on the left bank of the river Yangtze, in co-operation with some 6,000 troops belonging to General Yeh Kai Hsin's Hunan army, are in pursuit of the Cantonese troops who are retreating. Since Mr. Chiang Tsen Kuei, a peace delegate from Chekiang, is discussing peace terms with General Chiang Kai Shek, upon his return to Kiukiang, it is expected that Marshal Sun will decide whether to continue fighting or arrange for peace.

A LONDON COMMENT.

Mr. J. B. Priestley writing to *The Saturday World* states:—
I am glad to confess that of late I have given up reading about China, and at the present time I have not the least idea what is happening there.
I am quite willing to believe that its horde of fellow creatures are going through some crisis, and that the fate of the whole world may be bound up with the present history of China.
But there are too many complicated crises, with which the fate of the world is bound up, so that unless we protect ourselves somehow we shall never have even a moment's peace of mind.
Our civilization has produced so many disorders, from cancer to communism, which threaten its very existence that, bewildered, baffled, unable to see the civilization for the disorders, we begin to shrug our shoulders out of sheer self-defence.
If we persist in shrugging everything out of our attention, we shall soon be without shoulders to shrug, but some things, such as (for me) China, must be dismissed in this riot of startling news that we call the world.

GENERAL CHIANG KAI SHEK.

DEATH AGAIN REPORTED.

SHANGHAI, November 4th. Marshal Sun Chuan Fang's local headquarters have received a despatch from Marshal Sun stating that the Superintendent of the American Mission Hospital at Changsha sent a message to the American Consul at Nanking on October 25th to the effect that General Chiang Kai Shek had died from wounds.

BRITISH PROPERTY DESTROYED IN HUNAN.

A.P.C. BUILDING BURNED DOWN.

SHANGHAI, November 4th. A message received here from Changsha states that the Asiatic Petroleum Company's property at Peking has been burnt down. Also that Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's property at Changteh has been destroyed, and that some Wesleyan missionaries at Liuyang have been forced to evacuate.

All the towns mentioned above are in the occupation of Southern troops.

THE ILL-FATED "KIANGYUNG."

COMPENSATION DEMANDED.

Marshal Sun Chuan Fang is the recipient of a telegram from the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company asking compensation for the loss of their vessel, the s.s. *Kiangyung*, which went down with 1,800 troops at Kiukiang after 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition, she was carrying, exploded.

The s.s. *Kiangyung* was commanded by Sun's troops and the steamship company officials request him to inquire into the actual cause of the fatality. There was a crew of 110 men on board of which only 25 were rescued and the company wants a search started for the corpses of the remaining 85 who are believed lost and proper compensation made to the victims' families. They also request, in the telegram, that seven other of their ships, commanded by Sun's troops, be released.

THE COAL DISPUTE.

FAILURE OF FORLORN HOPES.

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, November 3rd.

The conference of delegates, representing 3,000,000 members of Trades' Unions, considered to-day the request of the Miners' Federation for financial assistance by means of a compulsory levy.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, ex-Minister and leader of the National Union of Railwaymen, declared that a compulsory levy was out of the question. He pointed out the heavy financial burden which the coal stoppage had placed on the Railwaymen and other unions.

The appeal by Mr. A. J. Cook and other miners' leaders for a compulsory levy fell on unsympathetic ears and, eventually, an acceptable compromise was found in a resolution which was moved by the Secretary of the Distributive Workers' Unions. This proposed that the members of the Trades' Unions, who are working, should contribute voluntarily not less than one penny per day for the support of the miners. The Distributive Workers' Union offered to start a voluntary fund with a contribution of £10,000 from its own resources. This compromise proposal was adopted.

The General Council of the Trades' Union Congress afterwards issued a statement asking unionists to make a special effort to contribute. An experienced union leader estimated that even if all the working unionists contributed one penny per day only £30,000 per week would be available for the miners. This would provide something over one shilling per week for each miner still on strike.

It appears that at to-day's meeting feeling was distinctly revealed in the debate that if miners receive financial assistance from other unions they must be prepared to accept the solution of the coal dispute as suggested by the Trades' Union Congress as representing those unions. Disinclination was expressed to help the miners to prolong an unprofitable struggle. In London it is generally believed that the Conference will be considerably influenced by the failure of the forlorn hopes of the miners' leaders, namely, regarding the embargo on foreign coal and the compulsory levy and by the plain speaking at to-day's conference. It is considered highly probable that Miners' Executive will seek authority to conclude a settlement on the best terms that can be obtained in districts with the safeguarding provision for national principles. This, broadly, is the settlement suggested by the Trades' Union Congress. The granting of such authorisation by the Delegate Conference would be an important move towards peace.

Latest Developments.

Rugby, November 4th. Considerable importance attaches to the Miners' Delegate Conference in London to-day and strong hopes, restrained only by the memory of past disappointments, are entertained that at last the way will be cleared for a peace effort. The main point for decision is the delegates will free their executive from restrictions and empower it to proceed in search of a settlement along the lines suggested by the Trade Union Congress. There is no question of the Conference discussing specific peace terms. The issue to be decided is whether the executive shall be authorised to try for a settlement, and whether such authorisation, if granted, shall be conditional or entirely without restriction.

A division of opinion is likely but the delegates are faced with the knowledge that any attempt to renew the demand for cutting out the safety men or for an embargo will be futile, and that voluntary contributions of trade unionists will not alone enable the dispute to be continued with any hopes of success. Yesterday nearly 9,000 more miners went back to work, the biggest single day total for some time, and there are now in the pits over 220,000 compared with 253,000 a week ago, and 164,000 a month ago. The miners employed before the dispute numbered 1,100,000.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Why Compulsion was Avoided.

London, November 3rd. It appears that the Unions decided only to recommend and not to impose a levy, because the non-payment of a compulsory levy would entail penalties in the shape of the disaffiliation of the Unions not fulfilling the instruction.

Mr. A. J. Cook has made the statement that the Miners' Executive has never discussed the question of district settlements, which they knew meant longer hours.

Nearly 300,000 Miners at Work.

London, November 3rd. A total of 290,573 miners are working to-day.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES TO BE CONSIDERED.

FULL SESSION TO-DAY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, November 3rd.

To enable further progress to be made with the work of the various committees the Imperial Conference will not meet in full session until Friday morning, when such reports of committees as are ready for representation will be considered.

Considerable progress was made to-day in the examination of the intricate problems concerning questions of nationality by the committee interested with that subject, and at the meeting of the Economic Committee matters under consideration included taxation of non-residents trading in the Dominions through agents or branches and the liability of the State enterprises to taxation.

The Committee of Prime Ministers further considered the problem of inter-Imperial relations, and the discussion will be resumed at a meeting of this Committee to-morrow.

EGYPT-INDIA AIR SERVICE.

SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION FLIGHTS.

Rugby, November 4th.

A series of demonstration flights by a De Havilland Hercules three-engine aircraft which will operate on the new air route from Egypt to India were carried out yesterday. By the end of next week the first of five machines ordered by the Imperial Airways for this service should be in experimental operation between London and Paris.

The Hercules is the first British passenger machine specially designed for work in the tropics, and a noticeable feature is the special arrangements made for the comfort of passengers. Not only is the cabin ventilated at a greater extent than usual, but a special air scoop is provided which filters air for circulation throughout the interior.

EARL BEATTY'S RESIGNATION POSTPONED.

Rugby, November 4th.

Earl Beatty, who has been First Sea Lord of the Admiralty and Chief of Naval Staff since November, 1919, has expressed his desire to be allowed to resign office on completing a period of seven years named in the regulation as the maximum for which an officer will be retained on the Board of the Admiralty except in special circumstances. He has however consented, at the request of the First Lord, to defer his resignation.

NATIONAL FINANCE.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS.

Rugby, November 4th.

An exhaustive examination of the British system of National Finance has now been completed by a committee under the chairmanship of Lord Colwyn. The committee was set up by Mr. Philip Snowden, who was then Chancellor of the Exchequer in February 1924, and its terms of reference were to consider and report on the National Debt and the incidence of existing taxation with special reference to their effect on trade, industry, employment, and National credit. It is understood that the committee's findings are embodied in two reports which will shortly be handed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The newspapers state that the majority report deals with the general financial system in a way that is in accord with generally accepted principles, and recommends only minor alterations and adjustments in the existing methods of taxation. It is stated that the finding by the majority will not, in the existing circumstances, recommend the imposition of a capital levy, but will declare that it is a practical method of reducing taxation. Its success, however, must depend largely on its general acceptance by the Nation, not as a political creed but as a financial expedient.

ARMISTICE DAY IN LONDON.

Rugby, November 4th.

Arrangements are now completed for the chief ceremony in Whitehall, London, in connection with the anniversary of Armistice Day next Thursday, which, as in former years will be celebrated throughout the Empire by religious services and the observance of two minutes' silence. Accompanied by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and other members of the Royal Family, the King will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph and will be present during the brief service that will be conducted there. Surrounding the Cenotaph will be representative detachments of the fighting services, Mercantile Marine, and ex-Servicemen.

RUSSIAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE.

TEND TOWARDS SOCIAL DEMOCRACY DENOUNCED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, November 4th.

Setgo Ordjoni, Kide, has been appointed Chairman of the Controlling Commission of the Communist Party replacing Kuibyshev.

The Pan-Russian Communist Conference concluded with a unanimous resolution, denouncing the oppositions and the drift towards a Social Democracy, and emphasising its determination to preserve party unity and to crush attempts to create sectional strife.

TRAGIC DISCOVERY.

MR. R. BRUNNER AND WIFE FOUND DEAD.

LONDON, November 4th.

Mr. Roscoe Brunner, ex-Chairman of Brunner, Mond and Company, and his wife have been found shot dead in their house at Reckhampton.

FRENCH PLEA FOR U.S.

"MURDERERS"

PARIS, November 4th.

A number of distinguished members of the Paris bar have signed an appeal to the United States against the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti. They point out that even the American judges are not sure of their guilt, and even if guilty, they have earned the right to live by living in daily fear of execution for five years.

THE PLOT AGAINST SPAIN.

PRAISE FOR FRENCH POLICE.

NO BRITISHERS INVOLVED.

LONDON, November 3rd.

A further message from Perpignan, says that altogether 92 Spanish and Italian, mostly the former have been arrested at Roussillon in connection with the Spanish plot.

None of those arrested or suspected are British, as was at first stated.

Credit for Police.

Paris, November 3rd. The French police are being showered with credit for frustrating one of the most determined Spanish revolutionary plots ever hatched on French territory and for holding their hand until 150 of the implicated men were safely within the net. The conspiracy is attributed to a Catalan ex-Deputy named Macia, who, however, escaped. The arrested men concertedly attempted to escape when imprisoned in Paris but a detachment of infantry was drafted in to mount guard. Similarly, Senegalese Tirailleurs were requisitioned at Perpignan to control those imprisoned there, who were revolting on the ground of the unsuitability of the food.

SOUTH AFRICA-INDIAN PROBLEM.

PROSPECTS OF SETTLEMENT.

LONDON, November 3rd.

"We need have no fear of those difficulties not eventually being settled to the satisfaction of the one or the other," said General Hertzog, speaking at a luncheon in London to-day given by the British Indian Union to the Indian delegates of the Imperial Conference. The Marquis of Reading presided.

The function was notable as being General Hertzog's first appearance at a non-South African function, while his speech was noteworthy as the first publicly spoken indication from anyone inside the Conference of the family feeling among the conferees. Furthermore, General Hertzog was the sole representative of the Dominion conferees at the luncheon. The Marquis of Reading, in a speech, warmly welcomed General Hertzog.

General Hertzog's Speech.

General Hertzog, replying, emphasised the value of close contact in removing misunderstandings, quarrels and bickerings. That was why he appreciated the Imperial Conference, where the delegates had contact giving the necessary confidence and understanding. He added that South Africa and India were trying to come into closer contact. They had had considerable differences in the past, but he was convinced that with a better mutual understanding they would be prepared to meet one another's requirements.

General Hertzog was loudly cheered when he made the remark quoted at the beginning. He concluded by hoping that during the remainder of their labours they would continue in the happy spirit in which Mr. Baldwin and the Dominion delegates had been getting on at the Conference, when they looked one another face to face and had not been afraid to say what they wanted to say—(Applause.)

THE ATTACK ON MUSSOLINI.

WAS WRONG MAN LYNCHED?

PARIS, November 3rd.

A remarkable statement is made in a Genoa telegram to the *Paris Midi* that the boy Zamboni was not the real assailant of Mussolini but that he was lynched when he was frightened by the sound of the shot and tried to flee.

TERRIBLE MINE DISASTER IN AMERICA.

SURFACE DROPS 600 FEET.

FORTY LIVES LOST.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ISHPESMISO, Michigan, Nov. 4th.

Forty miners are believed to have lost their lives in a large ironmine eight miles away as a result of a cave in. A section of the mine surface, consisting of swamp ground 300 feet by 200 fell 600 feet to the first level with an eerie sucking thud which was heard miles around. Slime and mud and water flooded the entire level, and it is feared that all chance of escape has been cut off.

U.S. ELECTIONS.

New York, November 3rd.

The "Wets" are greatly heartened with the result of the New York State referendum where a 110,000 majority favoured a request that Congress authorise each State to determine what percentage of alcohol is intoxicating. An almost identical proposal appears to have been passed by Illinois by a large majority, while Wisconsin favoured 2.75 per cent. beer by two to one. The issue not always so clear in other States but the majority voting on the modification of the law showed a wet trend. Proposals to repeal the present State laws enforcing prohibition were apparently carried in California and Montana while Nevada overwhelmingly voted for a resolution denouncing the present Federal law and demanding the re-amendment of the United States Constitution as regards prohibition. Missouri and Colorado appear to have voted down measures aimed at the modification of the State laws.

Latest election returns indicate a reduction of six and 13 respectively in the Republican majority in the Senate and House of Representatives. Many seats are still in the ballot and if the Democrats capture a few more the western Republican insurgents, led by the Wisconsin group of which the late Senator La Follette was leader, will undoubtedly be in a strong strategic position, by holding the balance between the Democrats and the orthodox Republicans.

Latest Figures.

New York, November 4th.

Election returns now available show that the next Senate be composed of 47 Democrats, one of the Farmer Labour Party, 13 Republicans, whereof eight are "insurgents," and hence thoros in the flesh of the Administration. Six seats in the House are doubtful but hitherto the Republicans have 41 more seats than the Democrats.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE NEW BETTING TAX.

BOYCOTT BY BOOKMAKERS.

PICKET SYSTEM THREAT.

LONDON, November 3rd.

There was practically no business in Tattersall's Ring at the Windsor Race Meeting to-day, and consequently it was impossible to return any starting prices. It is understood that this was due to the fact that bookmakers are unable to agree among themselves how the betting tax should be applied. The attitude of bookmakers refraining from offering prices was generally condemned, and the opinion was freely expressed that their action is making the strongest possible case for the introduction of the totalisator.

"We Want the Tote."

There is a strong disposition at the moment among the bookmakers in Tattersall's Ring to stay away altogether from Windsor to-morrow. Using the stone steps of the stand as a rostrum several aggrieved bookmakers harangued the crowd and from bets they drifted to politics with violent attacks on Mr. Winston Churchill. One man who shouted "We want the Tote" had a rough time but the police piloted him to safety with no harm done.

Bookmakers' Organise Boycott.

It is now realised that the action of the bookmakers at Windsor, which threw the whole operation of betting to a standstill throughout the country, was an organised boycott, and some of them threatened that this would be continued to the end of the flat season unless the tax is favourably altered. No bookmaker is expected at Tattersall's at Windsor to-morrow, while it is understood that a picket system will be organised to induce the public not to enter the rings. Meetings are being held or will be held throughout the country, appealing for support for the action of the Windsor bookmakers to-day.

OBITUARY.

BISHOP OF ST. DAVID'S.

The death is announced of the Bishop of St. David's, the Right Rev. John Owen.

[The Right Rev. John Owen, M.A., had been Bishop of St. David's since 1897. He was born in 1854, and was thus 72 years of age. He was an Oxford scholar. He was ordained Deacon in 1870; Priest, 1880; Welsh Professor and Classical Lecturer at St. David's College, Lampeter, 1879-85; Warder and Headmaster of Llandovery College, 1885-89; Dean of St. Asaph, 1889-92; Principal of St. David's College, Lampeter; Canon of St. Asaph, 1892-97; when he was raised to the Bishopric.]

CHINESE ASPIRATIONS.

AN ATTEMPT TO DEFINE THEM.

BRITISH POLICY.

In a letter to *The Times*, a writer, who signs himself "Fifty Years of Cathay," says:—

What, it seems time to ask, are "the legitimate aspirations of the Chinese people" of which we hear so much and so often, and which, according to a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Trades Union Congress, our "Imperial policy" is supposed to obstruct? It is possible to answer this question briefly and concisely for the great mass of the Chinese people. Their sole aspiration—certainly legitimate—is the cessation of the terrible sufferings they have endured at the hands of their fellow-countrymen for the past five years or more. A catalogue of these could it be published, and made generally known, would certainly "stagger humanity," and it is by no means to the credit of those who must have been all along well acquainted with the facts that little or nothing has been heard of them.

The aspirations of the merchants and small traders—a very large class—may confidently be defined as "peace with good government; however obtained," in the circumstances surely a legitimate, if Utopian, aspiration.

The aspirations of the principal actors of the tragedy that is being presented to the world by China and of the loud-voiced chorus that holds the front of the stage, composed of politicians, diplomats, editors, and students, are more complex, and no attempt can be made to sort them out and define them here. The most sincere and ardent patriots to be found in this class would, however, not demur to having their aspirations summed up in the term "national independence"—not only a legitimate but a very laudable object of aspiration.

Possibly the T.U.C. and a great many other persons as well will be surprised to learn that the national independence of the Chinese people has from the very first been one of the principal objects of British policy, and that the so-called "unequal" treaties of 1840—models of moderation and good will—were framed carefully to interfere as little as possible with China's sovereign rights and to encourage her officials and people to tread the only path that could possibly lead to independence. Such, however, is the incontrovertible fact, to be verified by anyone who takes the trouble to study the history of our relations with China.

Unfortunately, it seems to have been forgotten—not by Chinese statesmen and diplomats alone—that "sovereignty" cannot be conferred by a magician's wand, or even by a Washington Conference; it is not a state to be enjoyed, but a function to be exercised. Hence, indeed, conceded it only to the Wise and Benevolent Ruler!

CHINA AND THE TREATIES.

MAKING THE MOST OF GENEVA.

The Geneva correspondent of the *Turning Post* states that Belgium's appeal to the Hague Court against China's unilateral denunciation of the unequal Customs Treaty dating from 1905 will in no way influence Peking's decision to make her action effective from October 25th or prevent the denunciation of the Spanish and Portuguese treaties later in the year and other unequal treaties as soon as the six months' denunciation period arrives. This fact was made clear to me by Wang King Ky, the Chinese Minister in Brussels.

According to Wang, China will invoke a boycott of Belgium's goods if Brussels refuse to negotiate Customs equality and reciprocal tariff treaties along the lines of treaties already concluded with Germany and Austria. The British treaties cannot be denounced legally for eight years, but Wang believes that circumstances will permit of abrogation before that time.

Meanwhile, it is evident that Chinese statesmen are making the most of their election to the League Council. They will use Geneva as a publicity centre, raising the issue under Article 19 of the Covenant.

[According to this article of the Covenant, the Assembly "may from time to time advise the reconsideration by members of the League of treaties which have become inapplicable, and the consideration of international conditions whose discontinuance might endanger the peace of the world."]

COAL STOPPAGE AND LIFE ASSURANCE.

ACTION BY THE PRUDENTIAL.

The Prudential Assurance Company announced that, "subject to certain special conditions," policy-holders can have the arrears of premiums that have accumulated during unemployment resulting from the coal dispute deducted from the bonus on their industrial branch policies, instead of having to forfeit the benefit of the payments already made, or suffering a reduction in the capital amount of their insurance.

On re-entering employment the policy-holders will, under the scheme, have their arrears reduced to four weeks, and will only have to meet the regular weekly payments; the outstanding balance will be covered by a suitable deduction to be made when a claim arises. In the case of a with-profit policy this deduction will be made, not from the sum assured, but from the bonus thereon, and as the bulk of the insurance issued by the Prudential are of this description, the value of the concession cannot, it is officially stated, be over-estimated. The deduction can be cancelled by a suitable payment at any time before a claim arises.

It is pointed out that most of those affected by the coal dispute will resume work under a heavy burden of liability, and that clients of the Prudential will realize that "the way has been made easy for them to maintain their policies in force."

THE BUDGET PASSED.

COMMENTS AND CRITICISM OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THE SHING MUN VALLEY WATER SCHEME.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF KOWLOON.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon there was a full and exhaustive debate on the estimates for 1927. Sir Henry Pollock presented the collective views of the Unofficial Members and the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard also dealt with points of particular interest. Sir Shou-son Chow spoke on behalf of the Chinese. Replies to questions relating to their various departments were made by the Colonial Treasurer, the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Director of Public Works. The Colonial Secretary reviewed and answered the criticisms generally and H.E. The Governor wound up the discussion by explaining the Government's views on the Water Supply and Education. The meeting opened at 2.30 and the estimates were approved shortly before 5 p.m. when Council adjourned *sine die*.

A considerable amount of criticism was levelled against the suggested postponement of the scheme for linking up the island with the Shing Mun Valley water supply. Most of the Unofficial members of Council apparently thought that the decision not to bring the pipe-lines across the harbour was due to the desire for economy. His Excellency's explanation was of particular interest. It would appear that the expenditure of money does not influence the question one way or the other. His Excellency's view broadly is that the future is with Kowloon as far as residential development is concerned and that the water from the Shing Mun Valley will, in a few years time, all be needed for the Kowloon area. There is a project for building another reservoir for Hongkong, with a storage capacity of 200 million gallons. All the facts in connection with the various schemes are to be collated and probably a Committee will be appointed to consider them before any definite policy is decided.

After the minutes of the previous Council meeting had been confirmed, the Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding \$17,741,543 to the Public Service of the year 1927.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK'S SPEECH.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock said: Your Excellency, as spokesman of the Unofficial Members of this Council I have the following remarks to make on the Estimates for 1927.

Increased Expenditure Probable.

Obviously the recent weakness in silver and exchange points to our expenditure for 1927 being heavier than that which has been calculated by the Government at the rate of two shillings to the dollar.

Water Supply on the Island.

As regards the Water Supply, we notice that the Estimates for 1927 do not provide for the bringing of the water from the Shing Mun Valley across the harbour as was originally intended; and we are disappointed to find that the Colonial Secretary's remarks, in introducing the Budget, contain no reference whatever to so important a matter, as the securing of an adequate water supply for the Island of Hongkong. It is good news to hear that the first portion of the Shing Mun Valley scheme will "place the water supply of Kowloon and of our shipping beyond any probability of shortage for an indefinite period"; but we think that steps should promptly be taken to put the Island of Hongkong in an equally satisfactory position; for, as you, Sir, are well aware, we have notwithstanding repeated increases in our water-supply on the Island during the past 25 years, constantly found ourselves under the necessity (in some cases for periods of several weeks at a time) of having a restricted water-supply in certain districts of this Colony—a procedure which is not only inconvenient but also contrary to the interests of public health. We, therefore, consider it of vital importance that the original intention to carry the pipe-line across the harbour should be proceeded with forthwith.

Proposed Increase in Medical Staff.

As regards the proposed increase of staff in the Medical Department, we should like to have further information re the nature and extent of the "radio-logical work," which is apparently intended to take up the whole time of one new Medical Officer.

Hospital Accommodation.

Whilst dealing with the subject of hospitals, we desire to state that we consider the Government Civil Hospital ought not to be rebuilt above its present site and suggest instead that it be rebuilt on what remains of Morrison Hill (after reclamation requirements have been met), as being a more open and less noisy and cooler situation; the present hospital accommodation for Chinese in the Central and Western Districts, namely, the Tung Wah Hospital, the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals and the Chan Yik Hospital being, in our opinion, sufficient for the requirements of the inhabitants of those districts. Incidentally it may be remarked that the suggested change of situation will place a very valuable central site at the disposal of the Government. In connection with the same subject, we are not prepared at present, and without further explanation, to endorse the proposed increase of charges to 1st and 2nd class patients at Government hospitals, concerning which the only information given in the Colonial Secretary's speech is that the increases are the result of "representations which have been made by the local medical profession." We desire to be informed of the reasons which induced the local medical profession to make those representations, because any addition to the cost of hospital attendance is most undesirable.

The Re-absorption of the Port Development Department.

In connection with the proposed re-absorption of the Port Development Department into the Public Works Department, whilst, on grounds of economy, we agree to such re-absorption, we trust this will not mean that the important subject of Harbour Development will be relegated into the back-ground; and we hope that steady progress will be made in developing the foreshores of this Colony to meet the requirements of the future. We also trust that the somewhat cognate subject of town-planning will be kept steadily in view, as we are convinced that this Colony must continue to grow and we want to be well forward with the preparation of sites and drainage and sewers for future development which is bound to come, instead of falling behind as has been apparently the case in regard to the Kowloon Tong scheme.

High Cost of Kowloon Tong Scheme.

Whilst speaking of that scheme and fully realising that the Government is bound to carry out fully its obligations in connection therewith, we cannot refrain from pointing out that it has been a most costly scheme from the point of view of expenditure of public money. By adding together the total estimate for the work to be done under items 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93 and 94 (on pages 88 and 89 of the estimates for 1927) we arrive at a total of nearly one million two hundred thousand dollars, in connection with the Kowloon Tong scheme, which amount, spread over the proposed erection of 250 houses, comes to the large expenditure, by the Government of \$4,800 per house.

Bathing Facilities.

We regret to find that the Estimates for 1927 contain no provision for the carrying out of the recommendations of the Bathing Beaches Committee, and we trust that the words "the report involves considerable investigation" are not meant to imply that the Government contemplates shelving the recommendations of that Committee.

We should like to know whether the Sanitary Board recommendations in respect of increased bathing accommodation for the working classes are to be carried out, and if not, why not. Ample bathing accommodation for working men seems to us very desirable.

Education.

With regard to Head 23 on page 12 of the Estimates—"Education Department \$1,163,943," we notice that the cost of this Department for 1927 is to be greater than for 1926 and that it exceeds to a very considerable extent the expenditure on each of the following departments, namely: the Medical Department and the Sanitary Department.

In connection with Education, we should like to know (1) The cost of running King's College and Queen's College respectively, and (2) The amount of fees received in 1925 from each of those institutions.

The Need for Checking Extravagance.

In connection with Public Works Extraordinary we notice a proposed vote of \$44,000 for the building of a new school at Cheung Chau. This sum seems to us to be unnecessarily extravagant if it is intended, as we presume will be the case, to use local labour and local stone for the construction of the building. We understand that the present Hall in which the school is functioning cost only \$7,000 to build.

In connection with economy, we would remind the Government that true economy consists in the carrying out of work on economical lines, provided that efficiency is not interfered with, and especially in the matter of roads it seems to us that there is a disposition to be somewhat too lavish in expenditure. Members of this Council will recollect a saving which it was found possible to effect in the surfacing of the roads connecting Nathan Road with Coronation Road. We trust, therefore, that the

Government will afford the Unofficial Members of this Council every opportunity for investigating the proposed expenditure of \$300,000 on "improvements to Kowloon Point (near Star Ferry Wharf)" (item 53 on page 80 of the Estimates) and also on the proposed expenditure (item 65) of the large sum of \$35,000 for surfacing the road to the Kowloon Hospital. What type of surfacing is to be used in the case of the latter item, and in the case of item 65 on page 82? We should also like particulars of the proposed method of laying out the site of the Kowloon Hospital (item 52 on page 80).

We should also like further information regarding the Chatham Road Extension (item 61) as the proposed remaining expenditure seems a large amount.

We also wish to know whether the proposed expenditure of \$30,000 on (item 59) To Kwa Wan Road and site formation will complete that work.

In regard to item 45 ("contribution by Government towards fund for Reclamation") of which the estimated expenditure for 1927 is to be \$300,000, we desire to be informed what is now the contract date for the completion of that reclamation and whether it is anticipated that such payment of \$300,000 will complete the Government contribution to that fund.

In this connection we may add that it would be a great convenience to Unofficial Members if, in all cases in the Estimates in which a Budget vote is to complete work on the particular item in question in the ensuing year, a footnote to that effect were inserted.

Economy.

In spite of the strict necessity for economy, we regret to note that new posts are being created in addition to those which have been agreed to by the Unofficial Members—a course which seems to us inadvisable under present circumstances. On page 16 of the Abstract showing differences of expenditure between 1926 and 1927, we notice that, whilst there is to be a saving by abolition of posts of \$159,911, new posts will cost \$442,719.

Market Accommodation.

On the question of markets we should like to know whether item 54 "market at To Kwa Wan" and item 70 open markets at Kowloon City comprise all the new markets, which have been recommended by the Sanitary Board, or, if not, why the construction of the further markets is not being proceeded with.

Morrison Hill Development.

As regards item 46 "Morrison Hill Development Retaining Wall and storm water culverts," on which the estimated expenditure is \$198,000, we should like some assurance from the Director of Public Works that the proposed expenditure of \$10,000 in 1927 is regarded as sufficient to ensure the efficiency of the retaining walls and of the storm water culverts to cope with any heavy rain storms which there may be in the year 1927. We ask this question because the public confidence in the efficiency of retaining walls and storm water culverts has been much shaken by the results of the heavy rain storms of recent years.

Military Contribution.

In connection with rainstorms, we consider that it is most unjust that the amount of revenue which we require to raise in order to meet the sum of over a million dollars, which we have to expend in making good the damage done by the phenomenal rainstorm in July last should be subject to military contribution, and we desire to protest against the system whereby the Home Exchequer thus benefits by this Colony's misfortunes.

Appreciation of Services.

In connection with the storms of this summer, we desire to place on record our cordial appreciation of the excellent work done by the officials in the Public Works, Harbour and Sanitary Departments and by the Members of the Police Force.

Satisfactory Bases of Revenue.

In conclusion, whilst our above remarks have necessarily been of a critical character in regard to matters of detail, we desire to congratulate Your Excellency and the Officials of the Government upon the comparatively good showing made by our Revenue in the difficult times through which we have been passing, which is a sure proof of the soundness of the general lines on which our Revenue is based.

SIR SHOU-SON CHOW.

Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow: Sir, All the views and observations which I am about to offer are shared by my Chinese colleagues. Arising out of the item "Assessed Taxes" on page 6, I should like to bring to Your Excellency's notice the fact that the Assessor has in many cases placed a higher valuation on tenement houses than the actual rents, which are yielded by them, warranted. It may be that he based his valuation upon what he considered the rent should be, instead of what was actually received. In recent years the policy of the Government—as evidenced by the Rents Restriction Ordinance, only recently repealed—had been to keep down high rents; but this action of the Assessor's tends, and in fact has already tended in many cases, to the opposite effect.

Liquor Duties.

On the same page the item "Liquor Duties" is estimated to yield only the same amount as was estimated for 1925, although an additional \$800,000 is anticipated from the higher duties just imposed on Chinese wines and spirits. It would be interesting to know on what basis the high estimate for the current year was made, and why such estimate is not expected to be realized. Representations have been made to us not only by native wine dealers but also by individuals not interested in the trade, that while the duties on native wines and spirits have been heavily increased, those on European liquor have practically been left untouched. We submit that if our revenue must be increased, no better way could be found than the heavier taxing of the more expensive type of liquor which is after all a luxury.

While on the subject of increased taxation we congratulate the Government on its wise decision not to introduce new taxation in directions other than the levy of a higher impost on wines and spirits. This Colony has been through nearly two years of a trade depression unprecedented in its severity, and any new taxes of a general nature will retard its recovery.

Water Meters for Chinese.

Arising out of the item "Water Excess Supply and Meter Rent" on page 9, our attention has been drawn to the fact that over 200 applications for the installation of meters in Chinese houses have not been granted, in spite of the promise made to the Chinese Community by the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher when acting as Colonial Secretary three years ago, that meters would be granted to those who would apply for them, irrespective of the type of houses for which they were required. We shall be glad if some explanation is given by the Hon. Director of Public Works for this action.

Land Sales.

In connection with the item "Land Sales, Premium on New Leases," we crave permission to address Your Excellency on the subject of the imposition of heavy fines, or even the resumption of the land, for breach of the building covenants covering Crown lands purchased from the Government. We have already made representations to Your Excellency, but we are asked by those concerned to bring the matter before you on this occasion, so that you may be pleased to make a public announcement of your policy. We trust that that policy will be a liberal one.

Chinese Appreciation.

May I, on behalf of the Chinese Community, lay emphasis on the appreciative comments of the hon. senior unofficial member on the good work done by the Harbour Department? On the 22nd July, when the typhoon was at its height, the Government tug *Kan Sing* rendered assistance to the *Patience* which had broken adrift from her moorings, and to the *s.s. Confucius* which had grounded in Kowloon Bay. Again in the typhoon of the 26th September it towed to safe anchorage the *Sir Tai* which had dashed her anchor. It also stood by the *Angstern* and *Milton* which had come into collision. Subsequently it picked up 35 persons from junk. The Chinese Community is most grateful to the master and crew of this vessel for its splendid work; and to the Harbour Master for the prompt action he took in connection with the rescue work.

My Chinese colleague and I would like at the same time to express our high appreciation of the valuable work done by the Police and by the District Water Force in maintaining peace and good order during the last two most trying years. In this connection we would draw attention to the pleasing fact that in spite of the very heavy and multifarious duties devolved on it, entailing the maintenance of a large quasi-police force, and the control and management of several large Chinese institutions, the Department of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs is run at the comparatively low cost of about \$75,000 a year.

A Crying Scandal.

Having now given credit where credit is due, it is our unpleasant duty to report to Your Excellency that we have received many complaints that Chinese searches on the wharves have been in the habit of demanding "queues." This is not new, for I remember that about five or six years ago the late Mr. Lau Chu Pak drew attention to it in this Council, but we are informed that the practice has become worse during the last eighteen months. We knew how difficult it is to detect and prevent such malpractices, but we hope that the energetic Captain Superintendent of Police and the Superintendent of Imports and Exports will do everything in their power to put down this evil which has become a crying scandal.

Education.

In the estimates of the Education Department we notice that the salaries of 58 Anglo-Chinese masters and 40 Vernacular masters rise from \$700 to as high as \$4,800 per annum each. If the increase is automatic without regard to efficiency, the system is wrong, and the maximum salary is far too high. We should like to know at the same time whether it is the intention of the Government to apply the same scale of salary to other branches of the subordinate service.

The Chinese are viewing with increasing satisfaction the greater importance attached to Vernacular education since Your Excellency's assumption of office. Large as the cost of education is, as has been pointed out by the honourable senior unofficial member, my Chinese colleague and I do not grudge it, provided it is conducted on sound principles. It is the opinion of a large number of Europeans as well as Chinese that at present we do not get full value for our money, and the whole system of our education may need overhauling. It is an undoubted fact that political propaganda has been introduced into some of our schools; and we hope that the Government will take early and energetic action to prevent it taking root. Fortunately, we have a Director of Education who possesses vision and sympathy, and may be depended upon to see that the education of our youth is conducted along healthy lines.

The Water Supply.

The honourable senior unofficial member has spoken of the necessity for an adequate water-supply to the City. We strongly endorse his remark. Whenever there is a water famine, it is the Chinese—and the poor Chinese—who suffer most, and suffer first. On every occasion of a restricted supply we see large crowds of poor people, including women and children, struggling around the street hydrants in order to get a bucketful of water, some of them waiting for hours before they can succeed, and some not succeeding at all. The water carriers, taking advantage of the situation, charge as high as 50 cents for two buckets of water, with the result that some poor families earning small wages have to pay from \$10 to \$15 a month for obtaining a bare

supply for their wants. We therefore urge that no matter what other minor plans the Government may have in mind for increasing the supply on the Island, no matter what reasons the Government may have for not proceeding with the Shing Mun Scheme, some scheme for bringing water across the Harbour should be carried out as soon as possible. If necessary, such work can be financed by means of a loan. As I said in this honourable Council in 1923, it would be fair to pass such a loan on to posterity, for the work which it finances will benefit succeeding generations no less than the present; and such an undertaking is in reality a form of permanent investment of capital. In asking the Government to embark upon this scheme without any unnecessary delay, we wish it to be clearly understood that we are not advocating uneconomical expenditure. On the contrary, we have on two similar occasions strongly recommended a policy of strict economy. True economy does not consist in the postponement of essential public works, but in the prudent use of money, and the reduction of all expenses to their lowest possible limit with due regard to efficiency.

The Trade Loan.

In conclusion my Chinese colleague and I desire, on behalf of the Chinese Community, to express our most grateful thanks to the Government for the assistance it has rendered to the business community by means of the Trade Loan. Without it, the Colony would not have been able to weather the severe economic storm that has afflicted it. This action of the Government was undoubtedly a stroke of wise statesmanship which will have a lasting beneficial effect. We owe the initiation of the Loan to our late Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, and to you, Sir, for having so sympathetically broadened its base so that its benefits could reach the largest possible number.

HON. MR. H. W. BIRD.

The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird: I have little to add to the remarks which have been made on our behalf by the Senior Unofficial Member—I wish, however, to underline and supplement one item of his address and another from the remarks of the Senior Chinese Member.

I should refer first to the suspension of the work of bringing water from Shing Mun across the harbour.

I hoped to have seen an adequate supply of water to this island well on its way to fulfilment before I left the Colony—this year's Budget, however, makes it clear that my hopes are not to be realised.

I crave the indulgence of this Council whilst I take you back a few years and recall what was said on February 2nd, 1918, at the opening of the Tyam Tak dam and reservoir.

Our Water Supply.

The late Sir Henry May on that occasion said:—

"I can assure you that the Government has made up its mind that never again will the water supply be allowed to lag behind the increase of population—you see all this water behind this fine dam and you have heard the capacity of this great reservoir but you must not run away with the idea that because you have got so much water you can sit down and do nothing more—we have only made provision for fifteen years and the first thing we have to do after we have linked up the catchwaters, to which Mr. Chatham has referred, with this great reservoir, is to think out a scheme for building another reservoir three times as big."

That assurance and that forecast of 15 years was unfortunate, for within 5 years of the opening of that dam the Colony was short of water and on restricted supply—presumably because the increase in the population was underestimated.

I know, Sir, you are deeply interested in this all important matter and I believe you are now looking round as Sir Henry May urged, to find a way to increase the storage supply on this island.

With all due respect, Sir, I consider that in doing so you are making a mistake—because whatever reservoirs are built on the island we are still dependent on the rainfall to fill them, whilst within our grasp is a supply of from three to five million gallons a day, and remember, Sir, issuing from a perennial spring and not subject to the caprice of rainfall—we can resist the temptation to close our fingers over it!

I have heard the arguments against this supply, but I consider they are outweighed by those in its favour. Three to five million gallons a day means that we can conserve that amount in our reservoirs, in other words we should always have a six months' supply stored on the island—it is a slur on this fine Colony that almost every year the population is put on a restricted water supply—often unnecessarily as it turns out—but nevertheless a wise precaution which has to be taken because of the uncertainty of our rainfall. We have had during my residence in the Colony an instance of two dry summers following one another in which case it is exceedingly difficult to fill our reservoirs from rainfall alone.

The sight of the long queue of men, women and children lined up with their tins and buckets waiting to draw water from the street hydrants is one of which we may well be ashamed.

I would ask you, Sir, not to reject this Shing Mun supply without giving the matter your further serious consideration—weigh carefully the advantages and disadvantages and I feel sure the balance will be in favour of this work being carried out.

The Building Covenant.

The other matter that I wish to refer to relates to Building Covenants and was raised by my Chinese colleagues.

I consider that the Government is not treating the purchasers of new lots quite fairly—for it imposes a fine, threatens and sometimes carries out re-entry, for the non-fulfilment of the Building Covenant on the part of the owner, whereas,

in newly developed areas, the formation of the adjoining roads, laying of sewers, storm water drains, etc., which is the Government's side of the bargain is performed in a very dilatory manner. One can see, on the mainland, houses standing isolated in a dreary waste of land with no proper means of access those owners have fulfilled their covenant but the moral obligations of the Government have not been carried out.

HON. MR. D. G. M. BERNARD.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard said: Your Excellency—I wish first of all to congratulate the Colonial Secretary on the able and clear speech he made in introducing the estimates for next year and for the keen grasp of local affairs he has obtained in the short period he has been in Hongkong. He emphasized the importance of the Harbour which, as he says, is "the cause and reason of the Colony's existence." I fully concur and will go further and say that everything must be done to encourage shipping to come here. This is a transhipment port and it is essential to keep all charges as low as possible, otherwise there may be an inducement for steamers and cargo to avoid Hongkong. While I do not propose to oppose the increased charge for water supplied to ships, I desire to protest against any further taxation on shipping the Government may have in view for the future—it is dangerous.

The Honourable Member representing the Justices of the Peace speaking on behalf of the Unofficial Members, touched upon the proposed expenditure of \$300,000 at Kowloon Point but I would like to deal with this matter more fully. It naturally has a bearing on the future transport system in Kowloon and calls for a reference to the contemplated vehicular ferry service. There has been speculation as to whether it is proposed to leave this new ferry partly or entirely to private enterprise, and as there is nothing in the estimates for next year it must be the latter, unless the Government have decided to defer any expenditure on it until a later date. I trust that the Government will hasten its plans for the inauguration of this service.

Motor Bus Services.

Turning now to the Motor-Bus services, the Government should settle on a definite policy. A few months ago in reply to a question I asked in this Council I was told that the Government considered it unnecessary to engage an expert from England to advise on the most suitable type of vehicle, and further that considerable experience of local conditions would be required before such expert would be in a position to give valuable assistance. And yet there is nothing to indicate that the Government has made much progress in the last six years, and the fruits of the Government's deliberations are not to be expected for another 3 years.

In 1920 the Government favoured motor buses, in 1921 and 1923 trams, and in 1924 motor buses again. I understand that while the plans matured, some buses were allowed to operate, and that that is the position today, except that provided a suitable type of vehicle is put on the roads they will be permitted to run for at least 3 years more. Does this indicate a change from the policy announced in the *Gazette* of 25th March, 1924, in reply to questions asked in this Council?

The passengers carried by the Star Ferry Company have increased very largely during the past years. In September last there were 3,500 Season tickets issued, which is an increase of 114% over the same period in 1920; other first class passengers averaged 5,000 per day, an increase of 113%; third-class 9,000, an increase of 32% although 3,000 less than two years ago.

This question of communications is of primary importance to a growing city like Kowloon; rapid, comfortable, cheap, and adequate transport is absolutely necessary to distribute the population and ease the congestion in the central districts.

It is to be hoped that in making the alterations at Kowloon Point the Government is providing for the development of the future, whether that will be trams, railless trams or buses; and I ask that the ideas of the Government be laid before this Council at an early date and an opportunity given for discussing them.

Imports and Exports Office.

I am not satisfied that the Imports and Exports Office fully justifies the large expenditure incurred. Will the Government state (1) the estimated cost for the year for the branch responsible for searching steamers for opium and illegal drugs; (2) the number of seizures of (a) opium (b) other drugs, this year and in the preceding two years where Officers have acted entirely on their own initiative; (3) approximately the number of searches carried out under such conditions.

Military Contribution.

Finally, I wish to associate myself very strongly with the protest made by the Senior Unofficial Member against the way the Military Contribution is calculated. It is most unreasonable that, when the Colony is visited by such a disaster as storm as experienced last July, we should be taxed 20 cents for every dollar spent in making good the damage. I feel sure, Sir, that it only requires representations in the proper quarter to have this matter put right. All revenue required for reparation purposes in respect of extraordinary damage should be exempt from assessment for Military Contribution.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER.

The Colonial Treasurer: Sir, mention has been made of the subject of exchange. In preparing the estimates it is always difficult to forecast what the average rate of exchange will be for the next year. In July when the estimates were first considered the exchange was put at 2/2 but, later on, when the estimates were almost completed this was reduced to 2/-. Care will be taken

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to watch this question throughout the year. On the other hand the fall in exchange means that one circumstance is in our favour regarding the local loan of thirty millions. The annual contribution of three lakhs a year is invested by the Crown Agents in England and it is calculated that on the sinking fund for three years we shall probably save two lakhs of dollars.

The Senior Chinese representative referred to the question of assessed taxes. One factor in this matter is the annual valuation by the Assessor and the other factor is the proportion which has to be paid by rates which proportion is fixed by this Council. The Assessor endeavours to make his valuation as correctly as possible and on his last valuation many reductions were made. He is, however, handicapped by the fact that many of the forms sent out to be filled in are never returned, and people do not take the opportunity of making known the relevant facts concerning their house property.

CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.

The CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE: Sir, I wish to preface my remarks on the questions raised in regard to the Police by recording my appreciation of the laudatory references made to the Police force by the Senior representative of the Chinese. I can only observe, Your Excellency and hon. members of Council, that it will be my endeavour to maintain the high standard of efficiency of that Force, supported, as I am by officers in whom I have the fullest confidence.

With regard to the criticism which was made by the Senior member representing the Chinese community on the subject of "squeeze" by searchers, I should like to point out that I fully appreciate that what is known locally as "squeeze" exists here, as it exists elsewhere all over the world in connection with the searching of passengers' luggage and the searching of persons. But while I am not prepared to close my eyes to the fact that it exists, I should like, at the same time, to point out that I consider the language used by the Senior Chinese member "that this evil is now becoming an exasperation. In the first place the fact that during the last eighteen months eighty per cent. of the steamers previously running have ceased to run would make it difficult for even the most ardent 'squeeze' to make as much as he did formerly out of it. Further, the fact that no complaint, no serious complaint, has reached the Police during the last twelve months makes it clear to me that the evil cannot be quite so bad as to be termed "a crying scandal." No doubt the evil exists, but I do not think it exists in the form in which it has been described. I should like to mention the measures taken by the Department to try to prevent squeeze. In the first place, some two years ago all the searchers were put into uniforms. They were put into uniform in order that they might be perfectly easily identified by anyone who had a complaint to make. They had numbers and letters on the collars of their uniforms so that it was a very simple matter to report an offence. The European searching staff, which it was requested on a former occasion should be increased, has been increased and now there are no less than nine European officers engaged on supervising searching work. In 1924 one temporary searcher and two police searchers; and in 1925 two temporary searchers and two constables were dismissed. The two constables were working in conjunction with some wharf loaders. The four constables were dismissed and all four were deported. This year one temporary searcher has been dismissed. I am not including in these figures men who have been found incompetent or who have failed to do their work properly, simply men dismissed for endeavouring to take bribes.

As a further safeguard we have instituted what is known as the Police officers visiting book and any member of this Council who wishes to find out whether the European police visit the various wharves to see that the searching is being properly conducted can see these books. I have looked at the entries this morning and I find that European officers have visited the Star Ferry thirteen times a day and the Yau Ma Tei Ferry twelve or thirteen times a day. Again, it is our intention to open a searchers' office in the Central Fire Brigade Station where any person who has any complaints to make can make them forthwith.

A final measure in this connection is the reduction of temporary men who are engaged on searching work. When it was found necessary to put searchers on every wharf as well as on steamers the Police Force was not strong enough to supply the men. Therefore, 76 outside searchers were engaged temporarily and I think a great many of the complaints which are made are made against these men. As a result of the increase granted to the Police Force I was enabled to reduce the temporary men from 76 to 46, but I regret that I have been unable to reduce that number still further owing to the fact that last September have not yet arrived, wing I believe to the more stringent pass-port regulations in India.

The cause of the greatest trouble in connection with this squeeze has, however, I think, been recently removed. The greatest trouble in this particular matter arose in connection with the search of people for exporting coin. The regulations with regard to the export of coin have now been rescinded and that should ease matters considerably.

The most important requirement, I think, is co-operation on the part of the public. If members of the public will only report cases of attempted squeeze such cases can be dealt with on the spot.

In the absence of this co-operation it is extremely difficult for the police to check this evil in an efficient manner.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The Director of Public Works said: In reply to the hon. the Senior Unofficial Member's query regarding the Port Development Department the re-absorption of this Department does not indicate any failure to recognize the importance of steady progress of Port Development. Since Mr. Duncan's comprehensive report on the Harbour was submitted, the question has been considered by the Imperial Shipping Committee and both he and Mr. Baker have given evidence before that body.

As a result of interim conclusions arrived at by that Committee, instructions have been received from the Secretary of State that any large scheme of development is to be referred to the Consulting Engineers before being proceeded with, and a report is being now prepared indicating the subjects on which it is considered that their advice should be obtained. At any rate, until a definite programme of works has been laid down, it is considered more advisable that the Office should form part of the P.W.D. as in the past, both on the ground of economy effected by reduction in office staff and to avoid the overlapping which undoubtedly existed in the work of these two Departments when separated.

Town Planning.

In regard to Town Planning, the recommendations of the Committee which reported on the subject have been carefully borne in mind, and embodied in a large extent in a provisional 5 years programme of general works, prepared in accordance with instructions received from the Secretary of State, but applicable to a somewhat more restricted area. To complete the programme during that period would involve an estimated average annual expenditure of \$9,000,000 and the rate of progress maintained is entirely a matter of policy and of finance. Obviously the slower the development, the less is the annual expenditure involved, and it is due to retarding this development that unfortunately, in a very few cases, the state of affairs to which the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird has referred exists. Steps are being taken to prevent this in future by restricting development to certain areas, the effect of which will be that the provision of roads and other amenities will synchronise with the progress of buildings.

Kowloon Tong Scheme.

The total cost to Government of the Kowloon Tong Scheme is estimated at \$1,335,000. Of this amount \$900,000 would be the cost of forming the area and constructing the necessary main nullahs and main roads, which cost would have fallen on Government in any scheme of development, and will serve other areas as they develop. The cost of supplying water, sewers, storm water drains and surfacing service roads to the 250 houses—this being solely attributable to the scheme—is estimated to cost \$500,000, which works out at \$2,000 per house. The desirability of Government assistance for a scheme of this nature is not, I think, open to question. The premium for this Estate amounts to \$424,000 and the estimated ultimate annual revenue to be derived from the completion of this scheme is \$10,000 for Crown Rent and approximately \$20,000 for rates and taxes. In addition, there will be a considerable area of adjoining available for immediate sale.

Need for Checking Extravagance.

The Hon. Member for the Justices of the Peace has referred to the saving effected by surfacing at the junction of Gascoigne and Nathan Roads. This was not really a saving, but merely a matter of using a cheaper form of surfacing, which is estimated to last two years only, whereas, if the more expensive material had been used, no renewal would have been required for an estimated period of 20 years.

Surfacing Road to Kowloon Hospital.

This includes not only the approach drive to Kowloon Hospital from the main road but also a considerable portion of Waterloo Road, from Homumun past the Hospital site, including the necessary curbing and channelling. The surfacing will consist of slabs, macadam, tar painted, and in the case of Item 92 on page 82—Surfacing roads Kowloon Tong Development Area—a similar material is to be used.

Re Item 92, page 80—Proposed Lay-out of the area around and approaches to the Kowloon Hospital. The area of the levelled site is approximately 3 acres. The whole of this area is at present in the rough condition left by excavation, and very unsuitable for the surroundings, and is liable to gradual erosion by the rains, and the dust which is raised, even by a moderate breeze, is a serious nuisance and a danger to the patients.

The proposals for the general lay-out comprise the surfacing and formation of paths, tennis courts and turf areas, the planting of trees and shrubs, and surface drainage of the area. It is also proposed to include, if possible, the erection of two or three small ornamental garden pavilions for the patients.

Item 91, page 80—Chatham Road Extension. As large quantities of rock have been found on a certain section, it has been decided to utilize this section as a quarry, and delay the completion of the work until the rock has thus been disposed of. The ultimate expenditure on this work will be thereby considerably reduced.

The amount provided for 1927 is for a further section of a length of 2,800 feet, which is required to keep pace with the development of the adjoining land.

Item 93, page 80. To Kwa Wan Road and Site Formation. The sum of \$50,000 provided in the 1927 Estimates will not

complete the expenditure on this road, but will leave an outstanding liability of \$17,300 which may ultimately be reduced, if it is found possible to arrange certain exchanges of land now under consideration.

Item 45. Contribution by Government towards fund for Praya East Reclamation. The contract date for completion is 31st January, 1929, and it is anticipated that this period will not be exceeded.

The sum of \$200,000 was more than sufficient to the Government contribution on the original estimate but, as it has now been necessary to revise this figure, by reason of which the total has been considerably increased, a further amount of approximately \$400,000 will be required to be paid by Government, although this may ultimately be reduced by revenue derived from short leases of the reclaimed areas.

Improvements to Kowloon Point.

With a view to improving the very heterogeneous appearance from the Harbour of the existing Star Ferry Landing Stage and Public Pier at Kowloon, it is proposed to replace the facade of the existing jetties by bringing them more into harmony with the existing Railway Buildings.

The scheme has been initiated owing to the adverse comments of H.E. the Governor of his first inspection at Kowloon. The arrangements proposed will enable passengers to alight and reach their vehicles under shelter, and will include a continuous colonnade extending from the existing one at the station, to the entrance of the Godown and Wharf Complexes. The opportunity is being taken at the same time to readjust the lay-out with a view to improving traffic conditions at this busy terminus.

Alternative schemes have been submitted and one, which has been drawn up in consultation with the Hon. C.S.P. has been estimated for, and will be submitted for the consideration of the Public Works Committee in due course.

The amount provided for in 1927 Estimates will enable the shelters for private cars, cycles and rickshaws to be built to conform to the amended lay-out, together with that portion of the colonnade connecting the Ferry Pier with the Public Pier, thus permitting motor buses and rickshaws to arrive and depart under shelter.

Morrison Hill Development.

The provision in the 1927 Estimates for item 46 only applies to the completion of the retaining walls at the junction of Stubbs Road with Morrison Gap Road and will permit of the widening of this narrow section for traffic—being a road improvement—and not a measure to cope with excessive rain on this item cannot be proceeded with until the removal of Morrison Hill is further advanced and until arrangements have been made with the Naval Authorities for the proposed continuation of this road widening scheme.

The words "and storm water culverts" should not appear in the description of this item in the Estimates. It will be noticed that provision is made under items 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 47 for extensive nullah training in the Happy Valley District, and when these works are completed, it is anticipated there will not be a recurrence of the trouble experienced in this district during the past few years.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S REPLY. The Colonial Secretary said: My Honourable friends on the official side have already dealt with several of the points raised in the speech of the unofficial member of Council, and before I place before Honourable Members the views of the Government on the remainder of the speech which have been raised, I should like first to thank my honourable friends for the very kind reception they have given to this first Budget. I have had the honour, to introduce into this Council. I said, when producing the Budget, the Government anticipated criticism and it is very gratifying to find the criticism offered in so kindly a spirit. I should also like to say how much the Government values the appreciation expressed by the Senior European Unofficial Member and the Senior Chinese Member of the work of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, the Public Works, Harbour and Sanitary Departments and Police Force. The Government desires to associate itself with the praise of the Unofficial Member in his praise of the work of the District Watch Force, on whose services the Government places a very high value. The Government is also glad to find that the new Rescue Tug has already proved its value and that the work of its officers and crew is so highly appreciated.

Hospital Accommodation.

The Senior European Unofficial Member asked for information regarding the work of the radiologists. The P.C.M.O. assures me that this officer's time will be more than fully occupied with the work of his own special subject. He will be in charge of the X-ray plants at all Government hospitals and will be occupied, in addition, with electrotherapeutics, comprising X-ray therapy, diathermy, galvanism and faradism and also light therapy. The need for a special officer for this work has long been felt. The Honourable Member then passed on to the question of hospital accommodation. As regards the Government Civil Hospital the Government is preparing a Sessional Paper setting out its proposals regarding the rebuilding of the hospital. The matter was not ripe for inclusion in the Estimates and is not properly before the Council at the present time. Should it be decided to proceed with this work it would be decided to proceed with it out from loan funds and full opportunity will be given for a discussion of the proposals before they are put in hand. I might, however, remark now that there are many arguments in favour of retaining the hospital at its present neighbourhood. A removal of the hospital from proximity to the University would prove highly inconvenient and expensive. The Rockefeller Trust made a grant of \$750,000 to endow three chairs at the University in medicine, obstetrics and surgery, and it is essential to have

a hospital near to the University for tuition. Moreover, the professors at the University do much work for Government at the Government hospital. The dense Chinese population in the Central and western districts makes it essential to have a hospital of considerable size in that neighbourhood. The removal of the Government Civil Hospital would result in still further overcrowding the remaining hospitals in that area, while the French Hospital and a proposed new branch of the Tung Wah Hospital will go far to meet the requirements of the eastern end of the city. Moreover, the Lunatic Asylum as at present arranged is an integral part of the Government Civil Hospital and would require a special medical staff if the hospital were removed elsewhere.

Hospital Charges.

As regards the proposed increase of charges to first and second class patients at Government hospitals I might explain to the Council that this question was raised as long ago as 1920. There has been considerable correspondence with the local branch of the British Medical Association and with the Central Body in London, and it is felt that local medical practitioners have some cause for complaint that patients who are in no need of assistance, in some cases not even residents of the Colony, are admitted to the hospital and receive from Government medical and surgical treatment as a charity to which they are in no way entitled. While the fees for maintenance have been left unchanged, fees have been imposed for medical and surgical treatment, but in order that hardship may be obviated full discretion has been left to the P.C.M.O. to waive the fees in the case of those persons who have not the means to pay for such services.

Bathing Beaches.

Passing now to the question of the bathing beaches I would assure the Honourable Member that my remarks about the recommendations of the Bathing Beaches Committee are not meant to imply that Government contemplates shelving those recommendations. The Government will give them the fullest consideration as soon as possible after the investigations are completed.

Bathing Houses.

As regards the provision of bath houses for the working classes I should explain to the Council that the Sanitary Board considered the bath houses situation some months ago and decided not to recommend any new bath houses for 1927 in view of the financial situation but to reconsider the question in time for the 1928 estimates. It may interest Honourable Members to know that there are at present three bath houses in Victoria and one in Kowloon with 107 baths for men and 38 for women, and that in 1925 there were some 413,000 baths taken in Hongkong and 39,000 in Kowloon. When the board has made its recommendations for 1928, I need hardly assure Honourable Members that these proposals will be thoroughly considered by the Government which is fully appreciative of the desirability of providing bath accommodation for the working classes.

Education.

The subject of education has been referred to both by the Senior European and the Senior Chinese Members. I do not think any useful deduction can be made from the fact quoted by my Honourable friend, Sir Henry Pollock, that the expenditure on education exceeds that on the Medical or Sanitary Departments. The cost in each case must depend on the needs which have to be met. The figures asked for by my Honourable friend are as follows:—

Queen's College, 1925.	
Expenditure	\$132,213
Fees	31,125
King's College, 1925.	
Expenditure	\$94,154
Fees	10,509

It is, perhaps, my Honourable friend's intention to deduce from these figures that education is provided too cheaply. I might, perhaps, forestall his criticism on this subject by informing the Council that the question of the fees charged for education has recently been under the consideration of the Government, and the Director of Education has been asked to go thoroughly into the whole question and to report the result of his investigation to the Governor.

The Senior Chinese Member referred to the new scale of salary for Anglo-Chinese and vernacular masters. I would assure him that the scale is not automatic without regard to efficiency. There were 23 strict efficiency bars at \$1,900 and \$2,400 per annum and it is the very definite intention of the Director of Education to stop the inefficient from progressing beyond those bars. It is only the thoroughly efficient teacher, who has proved his worth, who will be allowed to proceed eventually to the top of the scale.

The Honourable Member asks if it is the intention of Government to apply the same scale of salary to other branches of the subordinate service. Honourable Members will remember that the subordinate clerical service scale already rises to the same maximum of \$4,800. I am not sure what other branches of the Government Service the Honourable Member has in mind but in any case the Government is not prepared to pledge itself to grant these particular scales to other branches of the subordinate service unless the conditions for full consideration are found to justify them.

The Government welcomes the assurance of our Chinese colleagues that they do not grudge expenditure on education, a subject to which the Government attaches the greatest importance.

What exactly the Honourable Member refers to when he hints that the whole system of our education may need overhauling I do not know. The system has been evolved as the result of much thought and practical experience. Its results may, I think, be judged to some extent from the excellent tone which prevails at the University, where the con-

duct of the students affords a worthy model for all other Universities in the East. I would endorse the views of my Honourable friend that the present Director of Education may be depended upon to guide our educational policy along healthy lines.

Cheung Chow School.

Of the need for checking extravagance to which the Senior European Unofficial Member referred, the Government is well aware and my Honourable friend, the Director of Public Works, has I hope satisfied Honourable Members that there is no extravagance in the items to which special attention has been drawn. I will, myself, touch only on one of these items, the school at Cheung Chow. The need for a permanent building at Cheung Chow has been felt for very many years. I am told since as long ago as 1808, and our experience of temporary expedients ended in a makeshift which was damaged in the earlier, and finally completely destroyed in the last, typhoon during last summer. The school is now temporarily housed in unsatisfactory rented quarters, and it is essential to rebuild the school, as soon as possible. There are nearly 200 pupils to be accommodated, and the requirements of modern education authorities are somewhat exacting. The cost quoted, although it seems high, is only about two-thirds of what the Education Department thought ought to be spent, and even so the Director will be asked to submit modified plans with a view to meet, if possible, the criticism raised by Honourable Members.

Government has taken note of the desire of Honourable Members regarding the need for further elucidation by foot notes of certain items in the Budget, and an effort will be made next year to make the printed estimates more complete in this respect.

New Posts.

My Honourable friend drew attention to the number of new posts which are being created, but I am afraid his remarks are a little misleading. No new posts have actually been created without the knowledge and approval of the Finance Committee, and such new posts as appear in the estimates without having been previously submitted to the Finance Committee are now placed before this Council for its approval. I shall hope to be able to satisfy in Committee the doubts of any Honourable Member as to the need of any individual posts of which he has not had previous information. The heading "New Posts" in the Abstract from which the Honourable Member quotes, has, I fear, misled the Honourable Member as it includes not only newly created posts, but pre-existing posts. I, myself, have experienced the same difficulty which has been felt by the Honourable Member, and I hope next year that the Abstract will be prepared in a somewhat clearer form. The actual cost of new posts is about \$338,000 as against posts to be abolished of \$189,911 which have been abolished. The chief increases are to be found under the heading of Education \$29,417, Medical \$46,014, Fire Brigade \$34,428, Harbour \$33,344, P.W.D. \$29,342 (as against a saving of \$98,451 for posts abolished), and Sanitary Department \$17,044. I should like to assure the Council that every application for the creation of new posts receives the most careful scrutiny at the hands of Government before it is allowed to be placed before the Council.

Markets.

As regards markets, the Sanitary Board asked also for a market at Cheung Sha Wan which is provided for on a temporary scale under sub-head 70. The Board also asked for improvements to the markets at Sham Shui Po and Sai Ying Pun, but as markets already exist in those places Government did not feel justified in inserting sums for their improvement, which did not appear to be a matter of great urgency.

Military Contribution.

On the subject of military contributions, the Government doubts if it would be possible to deduct from the net revenue on which military contribution is payable the cost of such works as the repair of storm damages. The question of the basis of the Colony's military contribution is, as I think, a matter for Government during the year and Mr. Nicol who has been making enquiries in England and America is expected back shortly. It is intended to publish a Sessional Paper giving details of the proposed scheme. The scheme, if approved, cannot be financed from revenue, and it will be necessary to finance it from loan. After full consideration it is the present opinion of the Government that the scheme should be carried out as a Government undertaking and not left to private enterprise.

Liquor Duties.

The Honourable Senior Chinese Member refers to the estimates of revenue from the Liquor Duties and to the fact that only estimates of revenue. I would refer the Honourable Member to the remarks I made when introducing the Liquor Duties, when I pointed out that, if the motion was passed the figure, which appears in the draft estimates and was, of course, based on then existing sources of revenue, would have to be amended to the figure of \$1,800,000. The motion was passed by the Council and the amended figure will be shown when the estimates are finally printed off after the third reading of the Supply Bill. My Hon. friend charges the Government with over-estimating the Revenue for the current year, but in this I fear he is incorrect. The Estimate of \$1,900,000 is likely to prove a fairly accurate one for the first half of the year brought in \$801,667 and the first nine months \$823,583.

My Honourable friend also referred to the fact that the new duties affected native wines and spirits while European liquors were left practically untouched. I dealt with this point too in my remarks at the last meeting of Council. The duty on Chinese liquor even when new duties are taken into consideration remains considerably lower in proportion than the duties on European type liquors and it was felt that the former system of taxation allowed the Chinese liquor to escape far too lightly. Even so, as I pointed out before, the Government might have been disposed to increase the duty on European Type

liquor as well had it not been felt that such liquor already bears as high a duty as it ought in present circumstances to be made to bear. The alteration in the liquor duties has gone some way to remove the previous anomaly and cannot properly be charged with being excessive on Chinese liquors.

It is difficult to make accurate comparisons as regards the incidence of the taxation on Chinese liquor as compared with European Type Liquor, but the Superintendent of Imports and Exports has very kindly worked out some figures for me comparing the duty on gin with the duty on Sheung Ching and Ng Ka Pei. Of these figures, taking the duty of gin at \$9 a gallon, the duty of a bottle is \$1.00 and a bottle of gin costs retail \$2.50. The duty on Sheung Ching is 33 cents and of Ng Ka Pei 38 cents of which the duty represents 20 cents and 30 cents respectively. Working out the alcoholic contents of these three liquors the duty of Sheung Ching and Ng Ka Pei if charged at the same rate as the duty on gin viz., \$9 a gallon would be \$2.55 and \$3.34 per gallon respectively, whereas the duty actually paid at the new rates is \$1.05 and \$1.75 per gallon respectively.

The Building Covenants.

Another matter referred to by my Honourable friend and also by the Honourable Mr. Bird, is the subject of the penalties for breach of Building covenants covering Crown Lands purchased from the Government. Honourable Members are probably fully aware that this subject has been very carefully considered by the Government during the past 12 months, and it was only last month that the policy of the Government was again declared in a reply to representations from Chinese land holders. In view of the great diversity of circumstances attending almost every individual case of default, the Government cannot grant any general extension of building covenants. Every case is fully considered on its merits by the various departments concerned, and in many cases, personally by your Excellency, and the Council may rest assured that the Government will, and in fact does, adopt as generous a policy as possible in dealing with all cases.

The Honourable Mr. Bird suggests that in some cases the default has been due to the failure on the part of Government to carry out its share, admittedly in many cases only a moral obligation, of the original bargain. I can assure the Council that the Government is doing all it can with the funds at its disposal to keep pace with development in house building but it is not always possible to reach isolated houses as soon as they are built. Progress in roads, water supply and drainage must proceed according to plan and any laches on the part of the Government is taken very fully into consideration in dealing with default on the part of the purchasers.

"Squeeze."

On the perennial subject of "squeeze" my Honourable friend, the C.S.P., has already spoken. I would only emphasise his remarks by saying that the Government is just as anxious to put down "squeeze" as any private individual, but unless the private individual will assist the Government, the Government is in most cases powerless to detect the offender.

The Government is glad to know that the Council does not oppose the small increase in the water charges. It appreciates the anxiety of Honourable Members that the Harbour charges should be kept as low as possible, and it will not fail to take this fully in mind in any future proposals which it may lay before this Council.

Kowloon Traffic.

As the Honourable Member pointed out, the proposed improvements on Kowloon Point and the traffic question in Kowloon and the proposed vehicular ferry service are interconnected subjects. The actual works proposed on Kowloon Point have been dealt with by my Honourable friend the D.P.W. and the Sessional Paper when published should put Honourable Members in possession of the detailed proposals. As regards the vehicular ferry service, this matter has received considerable attention from Government during the year and Mr. Nicol who has been making enquiries in England and America is expected back shortly. It is intended to publish a Sessional Paper giving details of the proposed scheme. The scheme, if approved, cannot be financed from revenue, and it will be necessary to finance it from loan. After full consideration it is the present opinion of the Government that the scheme should be carried out as a Government undertaking and not left to private enterprise.

As regards transport services, a very important matter for Kowloon, the Government is of opinion that trams would not be as satisfactory as buses, and it is, therefore, not the intention of Government to propose a tram service either on rails or railless. The Government considers that the best way to solve the problem is to run a private enterprise and is not in favour of the creation of any monopoly. The present bus systems are gradually being improved and it is expected that an improved type of bus will be placed on the roads very shortly. The Police will exercise such powers as they possess to regulate the bus services, but it may be necessary to increase the powers of the police for this purpose and if so the Government will in due course take such steps as may be necessary. While the Government is in favour of retaining in its own hands the running of the vehicular ferry, it is in favour of open competition for road transport in Kowloon as being most likely to meet economically and efficiently the needs of the local population.

Imports and Exports Office.

I find it a little difficult to follow my Honourable friend Mr. Bernard in his remarks about the Imports and Exports office. The revenue collected by that office amounts to about \$8,800,000 per annum. If the cost of the purchase of

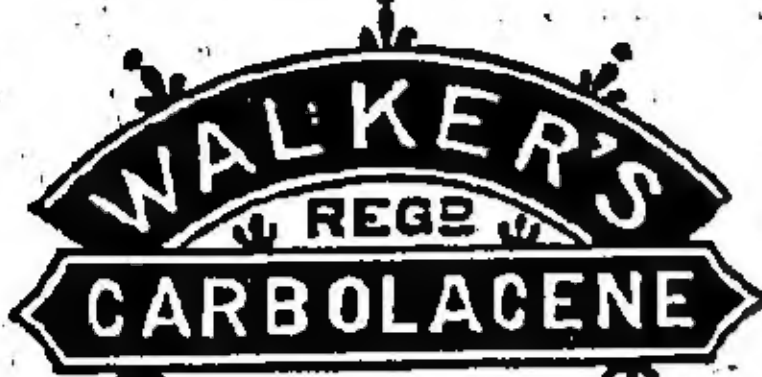
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raw opium be deducted from the total cost of the Department it will be seen that the department costs only about \$200,000 per annum to run, apart from the salaries of the two cadet officers in the department and one or two members of the clerical staff which are provided for elsewhere. If my Honourable friend is referring merely to the cost of the searching staff and considers that too much is spent in searching steamers for opium and illicit drugs I would observe that a preventive service is absolutely necessary in a port of this size and importance, closely situated as it is to a foreign country. Search has to be made for exorbitant and dutiable articles and for prohibited imports. We have also certain international obligations in these matters, and ships are searched as a matter of routine. It is quite impossible to give exact figures in answer to the questions raised by my Honourable friend. The fact that 4,023 pounds of opium 274 fire arms and 45,000 rounds of ammunition, 57,000 contraband cigarettes, 3,600 gallons of spirits and 6,900 ounces of dangerous drugs were seized during 1925 shows the need for an effective preventive staff. Moreover the preventive staff deals with the investigation of illicit opium divans which alone involves a very large amount of work. On a careful consideration of the facts I think my Honourable friend will agree that the staff is not excessive for the work which has to be done.

Finally, members will no doubt have noticed one very serious omission from my remarks. This omission is intentional as Your Excellency has informed me that you will yourself deal with the very important question of the water supply for the Colony and with the remarks of hon. members on that subject. Once more I should like to thank my unofficial colleagues for their very flattering remarks on the way the budget was introduced and for the very restrained tone of their reasonable criticism and, especially, for their generous appreciation of the services of the various Government departments.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR SAYS UP.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR said: My cordial thanks are due both to the official and to the unofficial members of this Council for the time and care which they have devoted to the consideration of the budget. My debt is greatest to the Colonial Secretary, who has spared no pains in preparing, in expounding and in defending the Supply Bill, and who, as I am sure the whole Council will agree, has discharged a difficult task with conspicuous ability. But I am also much indebted to the unofficial members for their helpful criticism and to those official members who have taken part in the debate for replying to this criticism so fully that there is little left for me to say. There are, in fact, only two points on which I propose to touch, namely the Colony's water supply and the subject of education.

Colony's Water Supply.

Ever since I first knew Hongkong, more than a quarter of a century ago, the insincerity of the Colony's water supply has been a cause for anxiety. I can well remember the days when I lived in a tenement house in Po Hing Kong at a time of acute water shortage and had to send my servants with buckets down to the Praya, where they stood in a queue to get water from boats which brought it across the harbour from Tai Lam Chung on the mainland. It is therefore with every sympathy for the Chinese who inhabit the low-lands of Hongkong and with a full understanding of their trials and tribulations during a water famine that I have studied the proposal to make the island dependant on the mainland for much of its water supply. Let me, however, first consider this matter from the point of view of Kowloon. I am convinced that in years to come, owing partly to the limitations which Nature has imposed upon Hongkong and partly to the advantages which Nature has bestowed upon Kowloon, the greater portion of the Colony's population will inhabit the mainland rather than the island. The town-planning scheme and the harbour development scheme for Kowloon have been prepared very wisely on a generous scale and it is not improbable that in future years the northern shores of our harbour will be inhabited by a population of a million or more Chinese and that there will be residences all along the slopes of the Kowloon range, and especially at its eastern end, as numerous as in the Peak District. The population of this Colony has in the past increased at a phenomenal rate and there is no reason why it should not continue to do so in the future. It has doubled during the past ten years. Now we are at present only completing the first stage of the Sheng Mun valley water works scheme. But, when that scheme has hereafter been developed to its utmost capacity, the water supply from it will, so I am told, only suffice for a million souls. In addition must be considered the whole of the needs of the shipping of this great port, which should be supplied entirely from the mainland. Therefore in my opinion the progressive development of the Sheng Mun scheme stage by stage will probably do no more than supply the growing needs of the northern side of the harbour, especially if, as I hope may be the case, the supply to Kowloon is by meter all over the peninsula and rider-mains are not insisted upon. Eventually there would be nothing to spare from Sheng Mun for the island, and if a pipe line were now laid under the harbour, the result would merely be to compel the construction of the Sheng Mun scheme at an earlier date and hasten the day when water supplies additional to those in the Sheng Mun valley would have to be found for the mainland. This is no figment of a wild imagination. My honourable friend, Mr. Bird, has reminded us of the confident hopes entertained in 1919 that the construction of the Tytan-tuk reservoir

would place Hongkong island beyond danger of a water famine for fifteen years at least. Yet, within five years of the successful construction of that reservoir Hongkong was again confronted by water shortage such as occurred also in the earlier part of this year. I think the conclusion is inevitable that there is a limit set by Nature herself to the possible expansion of population in Hongkong island. Indeed, quite apart from the water supply question, the configuration of the island sets very strict limits to the practicability of human habitation. There are, moreover, cogent reasons against making the island dependant for its water upon the mainland. Therefore, although I fear that we shall never be able to dispense with rider mains on the island—a fact which doubtless will operate as an encouragement to additional population to settle in Kowloon rather than in Hongkong—it is our plain duty to examine all possibilities of further water storage on the island itself, and these possibilities are now being investigated.

In particular one potential reservoir with an estimated capacity of 200 million gallons has been located and it is calculated that the cost of constructing it would be no greater than the cost of the pipe line under the harbour as designed by the Consulting Engineers. We ought also to devise means of economizing our fresh water supplies in Hongkong by using salt water on the low-level for street-cleaning, fire-fighting and generally for non-potable purposes. This matter is likewise under investigation and I trust that before long I may be able to lay on the table of this Council a sessional paper giving full information on every aspect of our water supply problem and furnishing all the data necessary for formulating our future policy in this respect. Until then it would be premature to take a final decision.

Education.

On the subject of education I will only add to what the Colonial Secretary has already said that, situated as we are in Hongkong, money spent by us on education is of the utmost value to British interests in China. This is an era of advertisement and propaganda. Fortunately or unfortunately, we, as a people, are not good at advertising ourselves and we are very bad at propaganda. But the public schools and the universities of the United Kingdom are the admiration of the whole world and the initiation of the typically English boy-scout and girl guide movements during our own lifetime shows that in educational matters a vitalizing impulse still goes out from England. I firmly believe that, if we can successfully introduce into Hongkong something of the spirit of the British public schools and universities, we shall do more for British interests in China than can possibly be achieved in any other way. Education must, of course, be conducted on sound lines and all political propaganda must be rigorously excluded from our educational establishments. But, subject to these provisos, I am convinced that the money we spend on education is a very good investment, and I am glad to learn from the speech of the Senior Chinese Member that he and his colleagues do not grudge it.

I now put to the Council the motion, which has already been moved and seconded, that the supply Bill be read a second time.

Hon. Sir HENRY POLLOCK: May I speak upon some of the points which have been raised?

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I am afraid you cannot. The Standing Orders do not allow it.

Hon. Sir HENRY POLLOCK: It has been the custom in this Council to reply to matters raised in the course of the discussion.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: The mover only has the right to reply. No member of Council has a right to speak more than once on the second reading of a Bill. You may speak as many times as you like in the Committee stage.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Council went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause and Sir Henry Pollock then raised a number of questions which were answered by H.E. The Governor and other members of Council. No amendments were made to the Bill in Committee and upon Council resuming.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the third reading.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I thank honourable members very sincerely for the provision they have made for next year. Council stands adjourned sine die.

"REGULATIONS IN MASSES."

Before the Isle of Wight Bench, when a farmer was summoned for a breach of the regulations made under the Importation of Animals Act by failing to isolate for six days a pedigree bull brought from the Channel Islands, the solicitor for the defence pleaded ignorance of the regulations.

The clerk of the justices (Mr. John Fardell) said he and others who had studied the law all their lives were not informed of such regulations, and had to go and look at the notices posted up. That, he said, was the evil of legislating by departmental regulations. Everyone who had anything to do with the law knew what statutes were passed, but under some statutes power was given to the Government departments to make regulations which had to be laid on the table of the House of Commons, and if no-one objected to them within a certain period they became law. Those regulations came in such masses that those concerned could not make themselves acquainted with them quickly.

The chairman said the defendant would be fined 10s. simply as a warning to others.

BOGUS DIPLOMAT.

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PARIS.
An audacious series of frauds by a man who represented himself as a member of the staff of the British Embassy charged with a special mission on behalf of the Prince of Wales, is reported by the Peripatetic correspondent of the *Echo de Paris*. Using the name of "Lord Ashton," the individual in question called upon the Prefect of the Pyrenees Orientales, upon the Senator for the Department, and upon Colonel Blachera, military commander of the region, stating that he had been instructed to purchase a villa on the Côte Vermeille for the Prince of Wales.

A man of noble bearing, speaking French and English perfectly, he found his story accepted without the least suspicion by the local authorities, who placed at his disposal a motor car, in which he made an extensive tour of the Department. He then called upon Colonel Blachera and asked for a loan of money, but the colonel thought he recognised in the supposed Lord Ashton a man whom he had seen being marched between two gendarmes in the occupied territory, and communicated his suspicions to the Prefect, who advised the police. The impostor, quick to realise that he was being closely watched, took a taxi cab to Elne and there boarded an express bound for Paris.

Police inquiries show, however, that, disappointed in one quarter, he succeeded in another, for during the train journey between Elne and Narbonne he succeeded in borrowing 500f. from a Spanish priest who travelled in the same compartment. The man is believed to be a Belgian, of whom the police have a detailed description.

FOOTBALL.

CLUB DE RECREIO 1st XI. v. S.C.A.A. 1st XI.

Teams representing these Clubs will meet in a league match at the Recreio's ground, King's Park, to-morrow, kick-off at 4 p.m.

The Recreio's team is as follows:—M. M. da Silva, W. C. Ogley, P. M. Xavier (captain), C. F. Remedios, A. A. dos Remedios, A. V. Remedios, D. P. Xavier, A. P. Furtado, A. Gosano, J. M. da Silva, and A. J. Brown.

Club de Recreio 2nd XI. v. S.C. Athletic Association.

This match will be played on the Recreio's ground, King's Park, to-morrow, kick-off at 2.45 p.m.

The Recreio's team will be:—L. M. Fernandes, L. A. Gomes, C. d'Assumpcao, J. Lima (captain), C. Figueiredo, S. Souza, A. E. Carvalho, C. Roza Pereira, A. J. Mauricio, L. A. da Rocha, and B. Accumpacio.

CRICKET.

C.S.C.C. "A" v. HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

This match will take place to-morrow on the Hongkong University ground beginning at 2.15 p.m.

The following will represent the C.S.C.C. "A" team:—J. H. Nihill (captain), F. J. Harper, R. S. W. Patterson, T. W. Carr, C. Sara, T. D. M. Pendered, R. C. Wittichell, R. G. Robertson, C. R. Spittler, H. Westlake, and P. J. O'Neill.

Umpire: W. Sayers.
The match arranged for to-morrow between C.S.C.C. 1st Team v. Hongkong 1st Team has been cancelled.

RUGBY.

H.R.F.C. v. ENGINEER ARTIFICERS.

There will be a match between these teams at the Royal Navy ground, King's Park, Kowloon, to-morrow. Kick-off, 4 p.m.

The following have been selected to play for the Club:—Lammert, Lieuts. Mattingley and Tregear; Morrison, Lee and Millar (captain); Foster, M. Smith, Lieut. Hanky, Lieut. Welsh, Serget. Steyart, Serget. Bruno, Beveridge and McIntyre.

HOCKEY.

TO-DAY'S GAMES.

The following will represent the University in a hockey match against Club de Recreio to-day at 3.15 p.m. on the University football ground:—A. A. Aziz (captain), Dr. F. E. Ashton, Lim Poh Thy, A. Suliman, K. T. Loke, A. Baker, G. E. Yeoh, F. Y. Khoo, Y. Enok, S. Hermani, F. Hiptoola.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club in a match with the Royal Artillery on the Marina ground at 5 p.m. to-day: T. W. Southam, W. A. Nowers, L. M. S. Lloyd, G. Rankin, T. P. Sanderson (capt.), White, F. G. L. Wheeler, J. Middleton Smith, L. A. R. Duncan, W. H. Newman, and Nicholls.

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HONGKONG SHIPPING.

YESTERDAY'S ARRIVALS AND FREIGHTS.

Yesterday's shipping statement showed a big decrease in the cargo for Hongkong consequent upon nine fewer arrivals than on the previous day. Hongkong freight went down by over 8,000 tons, but cargo for ports beyond remained about the same, only showing a very slight reduction, although only four steamers carried freights for other ports.

During the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m., yesterday eight vessels arrived and there were twelve departures, the nationalities being: two British arrivals and six departures; two Japanese arrivals and one departure; one Norwegian arrival; one German arrival and one departure; two American arrivals and one departure; one Danish and two Dutch departures, leaving a total of 82 vessels in port, of which 22 were British.

Freight for Hongkong amounted to 3,245 tons, of which one British vessel brought 1,032 tons, and another 800 tons. An American steamer brought 1,382 tons, and a German arrival contributed 1,700 tons. For ports other than Hongkong, there were 9,788 tons, with the returns reading 2,503 tons in a British steamer (the Tunda from Melbourne and Manila); 4,126 tons in the President Grant for Manila; 1,100 tons in the Luskan from Shanghai and Swatow, and 2,029 tons in the La Plata Maru.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai under date October 29th, with reference to the alteration of head and stern mooring buoys in the harbour: Notice is hereby given that work on the rearrangement of the head and stern mooring buoys in Shanghai Harbour will be commenced early in November, entailing the laying of new moorings and the removal of existing moorings to new positions. The dredgers and floating sheer legs used in connection with this work will inevitably be obstructions in the fairway, demanding additional care on the part of those directing the movement of vessels. The work will commence in the 11th and Lower Sections of the harbour. The craft engaged on the work will exhibit a green flag over a red flag by day and a red light over a green light at night. Those in charge of vessels navigating the harbour are requested to proceed at dead slow speed when approaching such craft and to give them as wide a berth as possible, in order to avoid fouling the tackle by which they are held in position.

The master of the s.s. President Grant, (American) arriving from Seattle via ports, reported to the Harbour Office yesterday that during the voyage two steerage passengers died after the liner left Seattle.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.
By the s.s. Tunda, from Australia via Manila, on Nov. 4th: Miss Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Reynell, Miss A. M. Christianson, Mr. D. S. Black, Mr. E. Weldon, Miss H. V. Marks, Mrs. E. Loftus, Mr. E. S. Marks, Capt. and Mrs. J. O. Gage, Miss E. Lennon, Miss K. Lennon, Mr. H. M. Clark, Miss Grant, Dr. J. B. Rodgers, Mrs. Singleton, Miss L. M. Day, Miss I. M. Dix, Miss K. E. Cooke, Miss D. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brock and infant, and Mrs. McIntyre and child.

By the s.s. President Grant, from Seattle via ports, on November 3rd: Miss F. T. Bayley, Mr. J. H. Bulmer, Mr. A. C. Crawford, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Creighton, Mr. Joseph Creighton, Master Robert Creighton, Master John Creighton, Dr. A. S. Donaldson, Miss M. A. Frame, Mr. M. J. Heller, Mr. T. Hines, Dr. W. F. Johnson, Dr. Hugh Kerr, Mr. F. H. La Mathey, Mr. E. C. Lobenstein, Dr. S. A. Moffett, Rev. W. T. Mitchell, Miss M. M. Moninger, Mr. C. M. Myers, Mr. C. E. Patton, Dr. A. K. Reichbauer, Mrs. C. K. Roys, Miss G. Schultz, Miss J. T. Scott, Mr. R. E. Speer, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith, Mrs. H. Warren, Mr. R. C. Wells, and Dr. J. E. Williams. Among passengers passing through on their way to Manila were: Mrs. K. G. Ainsworth, Miss K. W. Ainsworth, Master G. E. Ainsworth, Mr. Wm. Arnett, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Bourne, Miss E. Bourne, Mrs. S. Bullard, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Happ, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Heibronn, Mrs. L. F. Kimball, Miss E. Kimball, Mr. C. Laughlin, Mr. V. Martinez, Mr. E. M. Mahler, Miss J. Matthews, Mrs. F. J. Marquart, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. McClelland, Mrs. B. B. Meade, Mrs. L. G. Merrill, Mrs. F. W. Muller, Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Rand, Jr., Miss Jean Rand, Mr. E. A. Rodier, Mrs. J. P. Schwerin, Mrs. F. Slingluff, Miss S. Slingluff, Master P. Slingluff, Miss A. Smith, Miss B. Smith, Mrs. C. L. Smith, Miss V. E. Smythe, and Mr. C. B. Weiss.

DEPARTURES.
Per s.s. Collett, for Shanghai, on November 4th: Mr. and Mrs. Reimers, Mr. W. Brockstedt, Mr. W. Treskin, and for Kobe: Mr. H. W. Daube.

Per s.s. President Grant, for Manila, on November 4th: Mrs. K. G. Ainsworth, Miss K. W. Ainsworth, Master G. E. Ainsworth, Mr. Wm. Arnett, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Bourne, Miss E. Bourne, Mrs. S. Bullard, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Happ, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Heibronn, Mrs. L. F. Kimball, Miss E. Kimball, Mr. C. Laughlin, Mr. V. Martinez, Mr. E. M. Mahler, Miss J. Matthews, Mrs. F. J. Marquart, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. McClelland, Mrs. B. B. Meade, Mrs. L. G. Merrill, Mrs. F. W. Muller, Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Rand, Jr., Miss Jean Rand, Mr. E. A. Rodier, Mrs. J. P. Schwerin, Mrs. F. Slingluff, Miss S. Slingluff, Master P. Slingluff, Miss A. Smith, Miss B. Smith, Mrs. C. L. Smith, Miss V. E. Smythe, and Mr. C. B. Weiss.

MORE PROHIBITION REVELATIONS.

IMMORALITY INCREASED IN "AMERICA." EFFECT ON MOTOR DRIVERS.

New York. "By far the most distressing result of the Volstead Act is the increase in drinking among boys and girls."

This statement, from the annual report of the Moderation League of New York, reveals one of the greatest failures of prohibition.

The chief of police in Topeka, Kansas, where public sentiment is strongly in favour of prohibition, says: "They (boys and girls) do not think they are 'regular' unless they become half intoxicated. The girls will not go out with boys who have no flasks to offer."

An Idaho chief of police, dealing with the same subject, says: "There have been outbreaks of immorality among them, that are directly traceable to the consumption of liquor."

The most serious result of the national "dryness," according to the report, is the remarkable increase in the number of drunken motor drivers. All over America drunkenness among motor drivers has increased to an alarming extent.

Arrests for drunkenness are steadily increasing. In 564 places taken as typical examples, arrests were 21,000 more in 1924 than in 1923, and 36,241 more in 1925 than in 1924.

The report adds: "We cannot escape the conclusion that the Volstead Act has failed utterly to do what it was intended to do, namely, promote temperance and sobriety."

A "TOOTH PASTE" VOICE.

Dr. J. F. Staton, one of the judges at the Wallace musical festival, likened one tenor voice to "tooth paste oozing out of a tube." He found it impossible to award any marks to the competitor in question.

Mr. Herbert Fryer, the London pianist, described some of the musical compositions submitted as "perpetrations." He added that the number of people who had the delusion that they could write music, was extraordinary.

VESSELS EXPECTED

Syria (Swedish East Asiatic), due about November 30th.
Alipore (P. & O.), due November 7th, about 5 a.m.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR NOVEMBER, 1926.

(STANDARD TIME OF THE 120TH MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
November 5th.....	6.29 a.m.	5.44 p.m.
6th.....	6.30	5.44
7th.....	6.31	5.43
8th.....	6.32	5.43
9th.....	6.32	5.42
10th.....	6.33	5.42
11th.....	6.33	5.42
12th.....	6.34	5.41
13th.....	6.34	5.41
14th.....	6.35	5.41
15th.....	6.35	5.40
16th.....	6.36	5.40
17th.....	6.37	5.39
18th.....	6.37	5.39
19th.....	6.38	5.39
20th.....	6.39	5.39
21st.....	6.39	5.38
22nd.....	6.40	5.38
23rd.....	6.40	5.38
24th.....	6.41	5.38
25th.....	6.42	5.38
26th.....	6.42	5.38
27th.....	6.43	5.38
28th.....	6.44	5.38
29th.....	6.44	5.38
30th.....	6.45	5.38

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, November 4th.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 1 p.m.
Barometer	30.03	30.07	30.03
Temperature	76	62	77
Humidity	49	62	43
Wind Direction	NE	NNE	NE
" Force	2	4	2
" Weather	B	B	B
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 3rd .. 78
Lowest open-air Temperature on 4th .. 61

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From November 5th to 11th, 1926.

High Water. Low Water.

Day of Week	Days of Month	H'kong Standard Time	Height	H'kong Standard Time	Height
Fr.	5	9 16	6 0	3 13	2 5
	6	9 14	7 2	2 58	2 8
Satur.	6	9 47	5 9	3 30	2 1
	7	9 24	6 5	3 34	3 1
Sun.	7	10 34	5 6	4 23	1 6
	8	9 51	7 8	3 40	2 3
Mon.	8	11 27	5 9	4 13	2 6
	9	9 28	6 9	5 52	1 6
Tues.	9	11 34	7 9	4 36	3 9
	10	1 46	6 6	6 46	1 6
Wed.	10	11 49	7 8	5 14	1 4
	11	3 24	4 5	5 36	4 4

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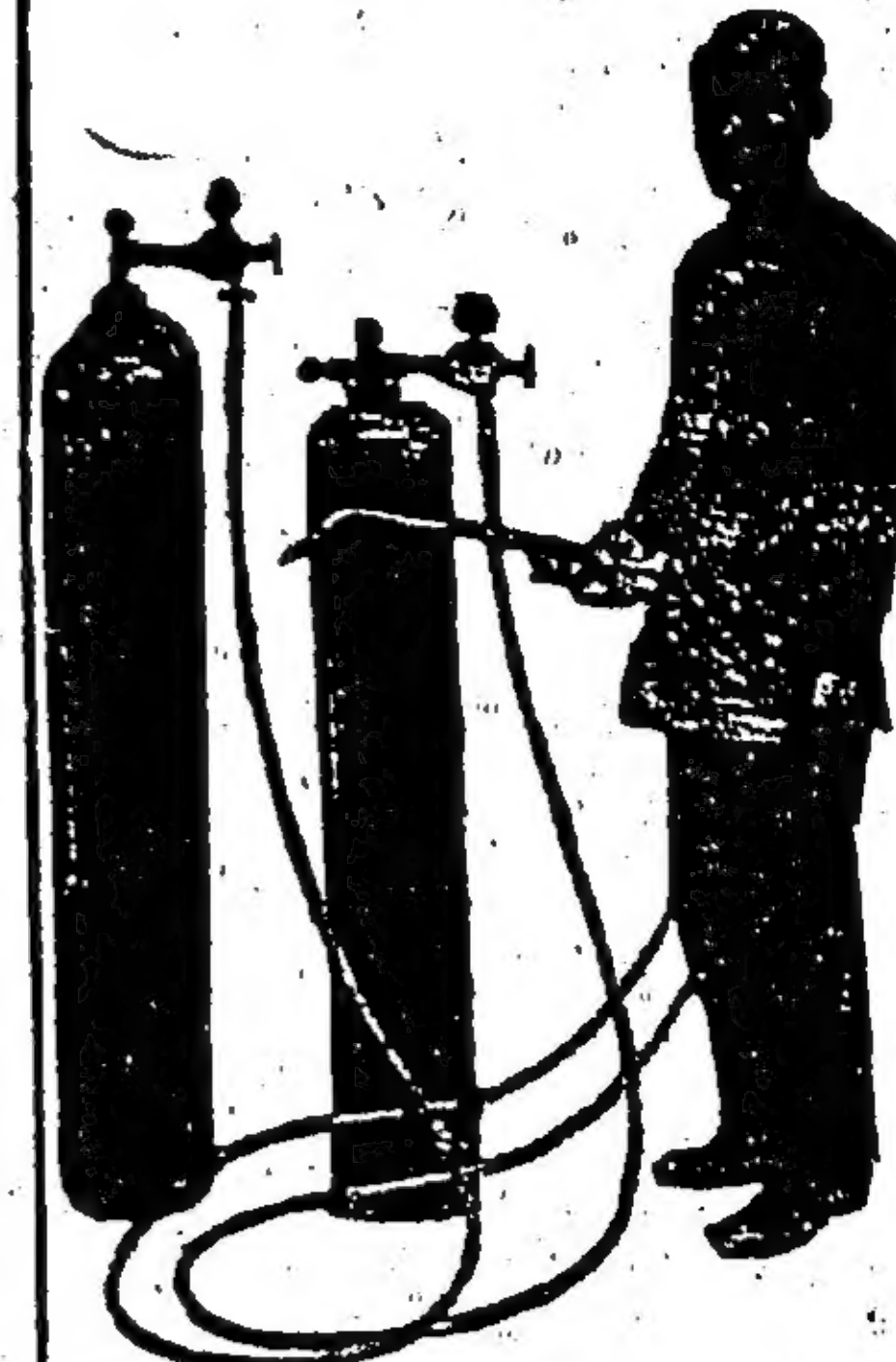
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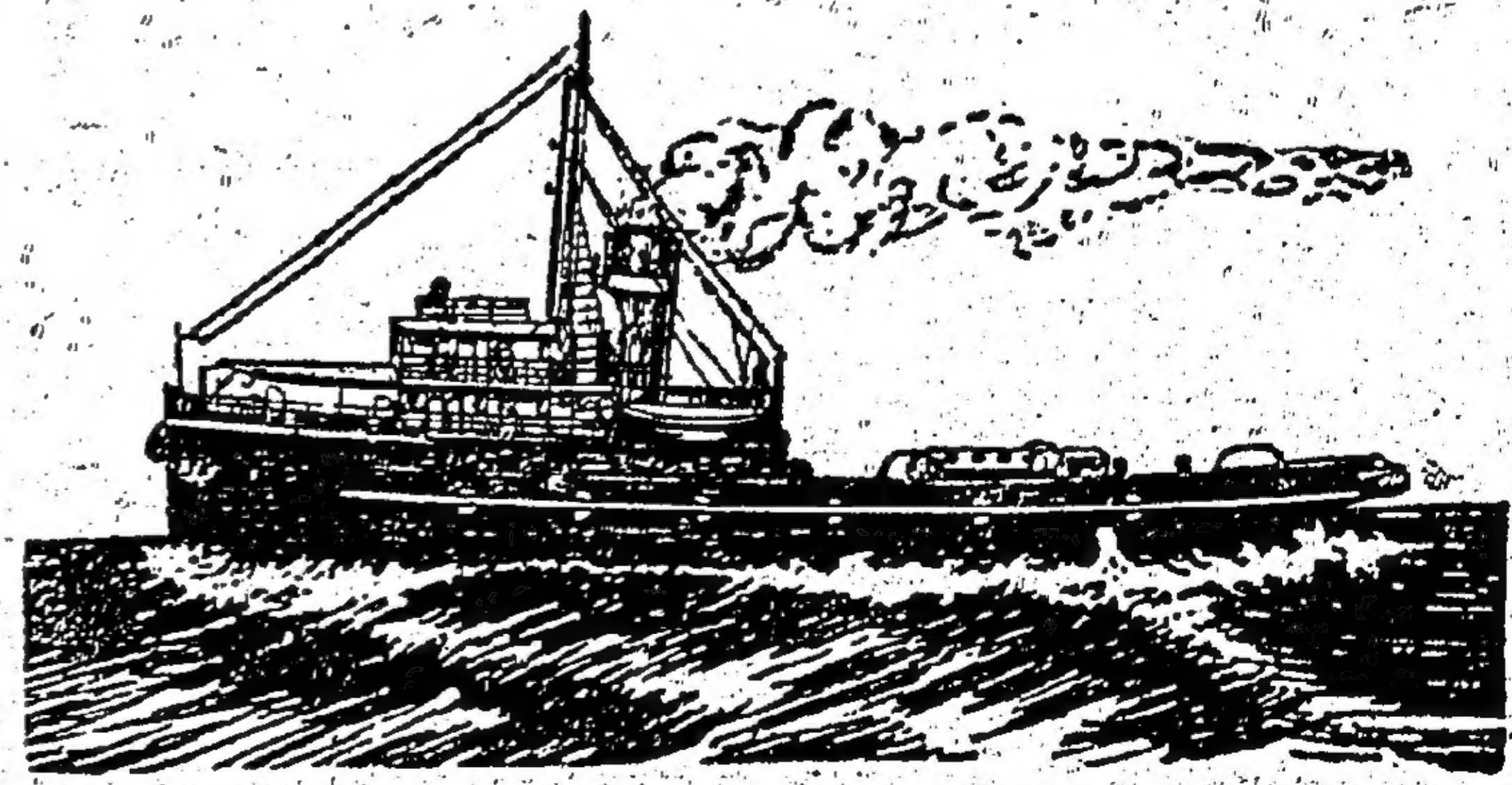
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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

November 3rd.
President Grant, American str., 8,403 tons, Capt. M. M. Jensen, from Seattle, which port she left on Oct. 13th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Admiral Oriental Line.
Royal Arrow, American str., 7,798 tons, Capt. A. A. Brock, from Baltimore, lying at Laichikok—Standard Oil Co.
Tean, British str., 1,351 tons, Capt. E. H. Histed, from Haiphong and Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C15—B. & S.
Wing Ho, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. J. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Sai-kong Wharf—Yew Kee Co.
 November 4th.
Bellerophon, British str., 5,714 tons, Capt. H. M. Collins, from Liverpool and Singapore. The latter port she left on October 29th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf—B. & S.
Devonport, German str., 1,947 tons, Capt. John Ernst, from Kiel, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C11—Cheong Yee S. S. Co.
Foo Shing, British str., 1,427 tons, Capt. W. A. Balch, from Shanghai, Foochow, and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Kiku Maru, Japanese str., 1,938 tons, Capt. M. Yamamoto, from Miike, which port she left on October 18th, with 4,106 tons of coal, lying at buoy No. B54—M.B.K.
La Plata Maru, Japanese str., 7,266 tons, Capt. T. Ichikawa, from Kobe, which port she left on October 30th, with 500 tons of general cargo in tranship, lying at Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.
Takikawa, British str., 3,712 tons, Capt. T. C. Weatherby, from Kobe and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
 November 5th.
Tanda, British str., 4,238 tons, Capt. F. Pileher, from Melbourne, which port she left on September 29th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Tilava, British str., 6,133 tons, Capt. P. W. Rowe, from Singapore, which port she left on October 29th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

CLEARANCES.

November 4th.
Bellerophon, for Shanghai.
Daviken, for Haiphong.
Hin Sang, for Swatow.
Hop Sang, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Hidaka, for Horohoke.
Mund, for Saigon.
Prosper, for Saigon.
President Grant, for Manila.
Enshing, for Canton.
Seng Lee, for Amoy.
Song Bu, for Canton.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* arrived at Kobe on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m., left the same day at 10 p.m., and is due at Yokohama to-day at 6 a.m.
 The Bank Line are in receipt of a wireless from the s.s. *City of Cairo* advising that owing to strong monsoon she will arrive at Hongkong on Saturday day, instead of this morning as previously advised.
 The E. & A. s.s. *Tanda* will leave for Moji, Kobe and Yokohama to-day (Friday) at noon.
 The B.I. s.s. *Takikawa* will leave for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta to-day (Friday) at 6 p.m.
 The P. & O. s.s. *Alipor* left Shanghai for this port on the 3rd inst. at 2.30 p.m., and is due here on the 7th inst., at about 5 a.m.
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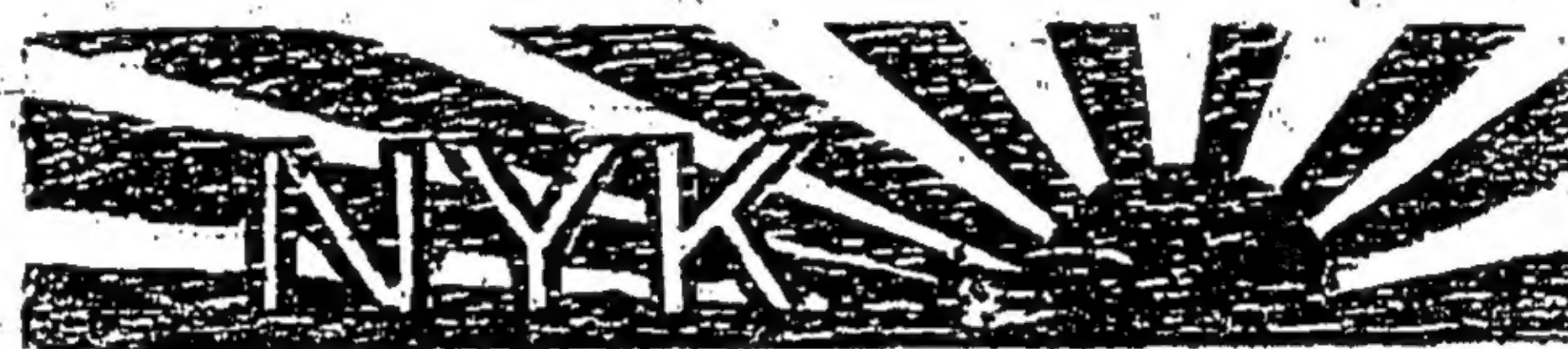
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SANDAKAN via MANILA	"MAUSANG"	Tuesday, 16th Nov., at 2 p.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"LAISANG"	Wednesday, 17th Nov., at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG"	Wednesday, 17th Nov., at 10 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPSANG"	Sunday, 28th Nov., at 7 a.m.
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"GLENARA"	29th Dec.	
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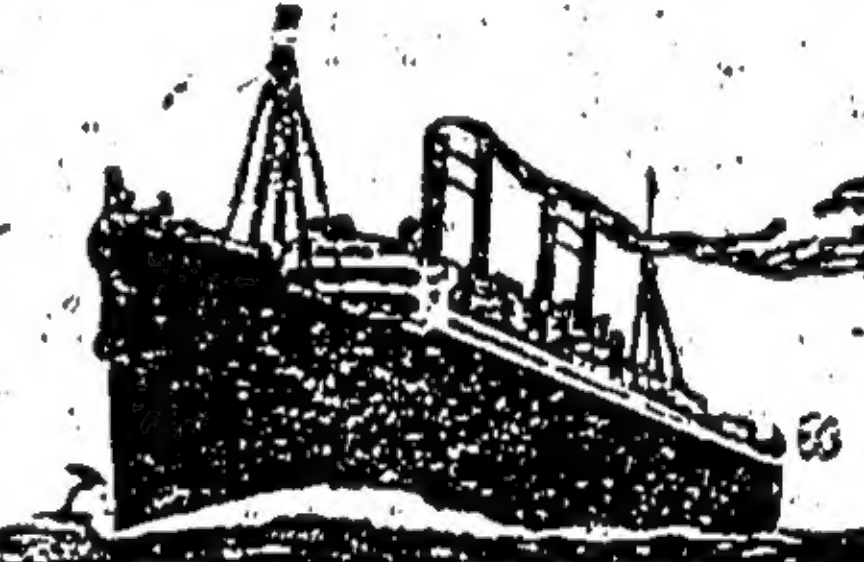
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"MANTUA"	10,903	18th Nov., Noon	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	25th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"KARALA"	9,128	27th Nov.	Marseilles, Calcutta, London, Antwerp and Havre.
"DELTA"	8,097	9th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,689	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London.
"NELORE"	8,933	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"KHIVA"	9,135	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"KASEGIR"	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,903	5th March	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"MONCOLIA"	16,504	19th March	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"KARALA"	9,128	15th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	28th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London.
"KHIVA"	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
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"TAKADA"	6,949	14th Nov.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	23rd Nov.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	31st Nov.	do.

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"TANDA"	6,956	2nd Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	31st Dec.	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	28th Jan.	
"TANDA"	6,956	4th Mar.	
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th April	

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"TANDA"	6,956	5th Nov., Noon	Moji, Kobe, and Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,000	6th Nov., 6 a.m.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"NELORE"	8,933	13th Nov.	Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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SHANGHAI & NEWCHWANG	"LIANGCHOW"	On 7th Nov.	6 p.m.
AMOY, SAWTOH & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 8th Nov.	6 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 9th Nov.	6 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 10th Nov.	4 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 11th Nov.	Noon.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SZHOUEN"	On 12th Nov.	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"LUOHOW"	On 13th Nov.	6 a.m.
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